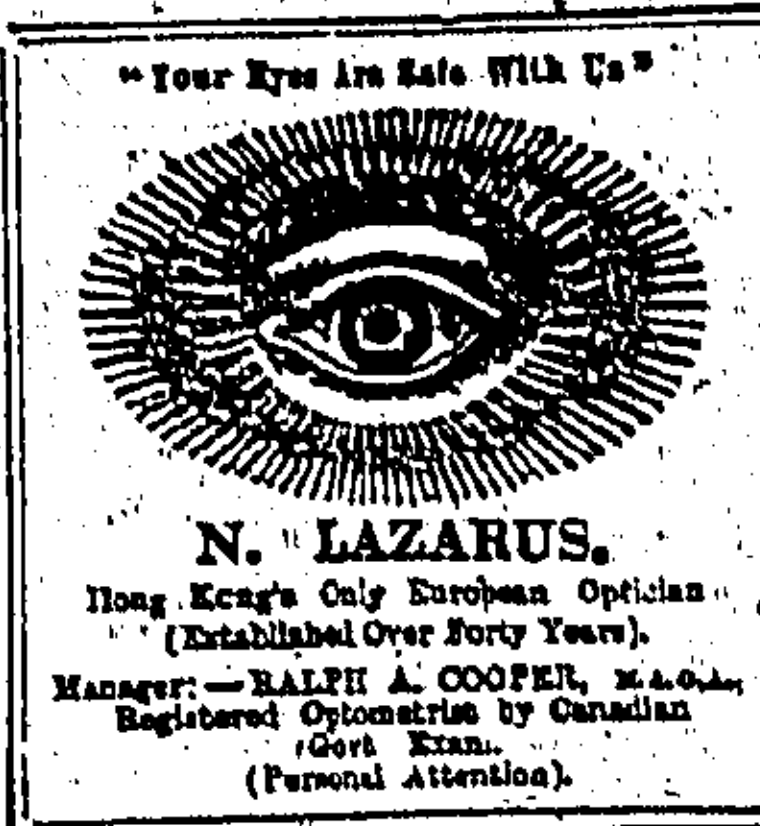


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A WOMAN ACCOMPLICE.

Two more raids by motor-bandits on costumers' shops in London, in addition to the one in St. Mary Abbot's-court, Kensington-road, W., described yesterday, were reported yesterday, says a copy to hand of the Daily Mail.

It is possible they were carried out by the gang, with the woman associate, which raided the Kensington shop.

She was at the drapery stores of Messrs. C. F. Mayo & Co., of London-road, Forest Hill, S.E. The thieves took with them a quantity of wallpaper and a number of newspaper posters with which they disguised one of the firm's motor-vans, making it appear as if it was a newspaper delivery van.

The van was used for the removal of the stolen goods, and was found abandoned at Leytonstone, on the north-east borders of London.

Fur Coats Removed.
Mrs. Mayo told a reporter that the thieves collected all the best goods—fur coats, a hundred or so frocks, hundreds of pairs of silk stockings, and pieces of silk. Mrs. Mayo added:

"I imagine the goods were loaded into the van at the back of the shop, where it is quiet. We found a quantity of wallpaper and also some newspaper posters in the van. The paper was pasted on the van on the wrong side so that it should look like the natural covering of the body."

The other raid, a smash-and-grab affair, was made at the premises of Miss Doreen Berwick, trading as Phyllis, in Brixton-road, S.W.

During Sunday night a crash of glass was heard and three men, with their arms filled with fur coats and women's costumes, were seen running towards a motor-car. The car drove away rapidly in the direction of Camberwell.

Later a car believed to be the one used by the bandits was found in a Camberwell street. It was identified as one stolen earlier in the evening from near Golden-square, W., where it had been packed.

The presence of a woman with a gang of shop raiders may be explained by the fact that she would have a knowledge of the quality of the goods which would be useful to her confederates.

Brisk Trade in Stolen Goods.
"Many of the goods stolen this week-end will probably be worn by women in the next few weeks."

This was the remark made to a reporter by the claims manager of the Drapery and General Insurance Company, who has investigated many of the recent raids on costumers' shops. He added:

There is a good market for stolen goods, silk stockings, and silk goods. Many of the goods will doubtless find their way to markets in London and elsewhere, where they are probably, in some cases, sold by people who have a shrewd idea of their origin. A few of them may even be sold to small costumers who have not the slightest idea that they have been stolen.

As they can be easily removed, and are difficult to identify, they are very tempting to thieves and receivers.

It is not uncommon for the thieves to have a woman with them. I think her function is more to allay suspicion than to aid the thieves.

MR. WYLLIE'S "VICTORY."

Mr. W. L. Wyllie, R.A., the marine artist, who is completing for the Royal Academy a fine picture of H.M.S. Victory, which shows the vessel as she will appear when the work of restoring her to her original condition is completed.

Mr. Wyllie has been keenly interested in this restoration, and the accuracy with which the work is being done is largely due to the assistance he has given the Society for Nautical Research.

Mr. Wyllie has also just completed for the Southern Railway a poster showing H.M.S. Victory with H.M.S. Renown in the background. Mr. Wyllie lives by the sea in a picturesque house at old Portsmouth.

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London, March 10th.

The great wave of gambling in the Stock Exchange showed little sign of abating yesterday, when brokers reported that many hundreds of thousands of speculative shares again changed hands.

"It is astonishing and a little pathetic," said a broker, whose hand was full of orders, in Throgmorton-street yesterday. He continued:

The stuff we are being told to buy on a wholesale scale and almost regardless of price! Not a real investment in the lot of it, and quotations jumping all over the place and all the time.

Take this morning. I bought Duophones up to 63s. 9d. Afterwards they jumped to 58s., and now they're back again at 60s. Goodness knows what they'll do to-morrow!

Then look at the turnover in Marconis, Medcan, Eagles, the safety glass specialities, and the gramophone group.

Off and on I buy all of these shares for clients who apparently neither know nor care the past record or present position of the panics whose shares they are buying so lightly.

It is no good advising them. They have got the "get-rich-quick" virus badly and a steady 6 per cent. on money saved does not attract them.

But I fear there will be a day of bitter reckoning for many. Many women show astonishing skill (or is it "beginners' luck") and seem to possess an uncanny faculty of spotting winners.

As in other things, they back their fancy, and in the last few weeks I have posted a good few fat cheques to women clients who are gramophone "fans" or devotees of special brands of artificial silk.

However, the test will come in a falling market. And then there may be a good few husbands and fathers to be sorry for.

Among the specially active things were all the "records" shares, some of the motors, electric lighting, oil shares, and such old-time favourites as Dunlops and Marconis. Prices went up and down in rapid succession.

Some Of The Changes.

Markings in the official list represent but a small proportion of the actual business put through, but they were exceptionally heavy. Duophones, for instance, were marked no less than 60 times at prices ranging from 63s. 9d. to 58s. 3d.

Vocalions were marked 43 times, the price range being 65s. 10d. and 62s. 9d. British Brunswick registered 66 markings at the extremes of 14s. 4d. and 10s. 7d., and Guy Motors 42 times from 40s. 7d. to 30s. 4d.

In answer to inquiries, Mr. George Roberts, the chairman of the British Brunswick Company, told a Daily Mail reporter yesterday that "inasmuch as no official statement as to the working of the company has been made since its public flotation last November, the share movement is a purely speculative one, and I strongly deplore the use of the shares as gambling counters."

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

(April 14th.)

Cricket: University 2nd XI. v. H.K. Electric C.C.
Fanning Hunt: Meet at Sheung Shui, 2.45.

Hong Kong Engineering and Construction Co., 6th Ordinary Yearly Meeting, 11 a.m.

Princes Building and Land Co., General Meeting, noon.

Diocesan Boy's School "at Home" 3.30.

Queen's College Old Boy's Association 8th Annual Dinner, 8 p.m.

Queen's Theatre "The Eagle of the Sea."

World Theatre: "Robin Hood," Star Theatre: "Shipwrecked."

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30.

R.E. Sergeant's Mess Dance. "Cher O" dance, 7.30 p.m.

Principal: "Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Mongolia), 10.30 a.m.; Europe via Marseilles (Andre Lebon), 2.30 p.m.

Sunday.

(April 15th.)

7th Extra Race Meeting, Macao. Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Lady of the Harem."

World Theatre: "The Runaway," 5.15 and 9.20, other houses Chinese Picture "Retaliation."

Star Theatre: "Forsaken River." Principal: "Mails:—Inward: Europe via Canada (President Jackson).

Monday.

(April 16th.)

Hong Kong and Territorial Estates, Ltd., Extraordinary General Meeting, 11.30.

Noon. Annual meeting of Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals. Chamber of Commerce Board Room. Sale of Crown Land Public Works Office, 3 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Lady of the Harem."

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Tuesday.

(April 17th.)

Hockey: H.K. Hockey Club 2nd XI. v. 3/15th Punjabia on the R.N.U.S.C. ground, 5 p.m.

Garrison Rifle Meeting. Inspection of Police by H.E. the Governor, 4 p.m.

Annual Meeting of Bibliotheque Francaise, French Consulate, 5 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Lady of the Harem."

World Theatre: 5.15 and 9.20 "Love's Blindness" other houses "Retaliation."

Star Theatre: "Excuse Me." Principal: "Mails:—Outward: Europe via Victoria, B.C. (Pres. Pierce), 5 p.m.

Wednesday.

(April 18th.)

Fanning Hunt: Meet at Mr. Souza's Bungalow, 2.45 p.m.

Garrison Rifle Meeting. Lecture at University by H.E. the Governor on "Elements in an analysis of Thought and its activities," 5 p.m.

Diocesan Old Girl's Association 2nd Annual General Meeting, 8 p.m.

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HOW PRECISE RULES BREAK DOWN.

[BY HUGH ELLIOT.]

It is sometimes said that the original bid must always be dead sound, while subsequent bids are left free for the exercise of the fancy of the bidder. A player will often remark to his partner: "You can always rely on my original bids: my later bids mean nothing." And the implied theory is now very widely accepted.

In so far as it is a true theory it is not very happily expressed. The purpose of bidding is to arrive at the most satisfactory final declaration. If we get the final bid right, the original bid matters nothing. Indeed, there is much to be said for the view that the original bid is the least important of any, for it is the least likely bid to be left in, and there are more opportunities of rectifying a bad original bid than of rectifying a bad subsequent bid. Of course, a bad original bid is often incurable, and leads up fatally to a bad final bid, with perhaps a disastrous double. But bad secondary bids lead to the same consequences with even greater certainty.

During the present week I had occasion (being laid up with influenza) to read a book on bridge. I found in it elaborate instructions as to the precise amount of strength required to bid no-trumps or a suit. These instructions filled many pages, and certainly no one who followed them would go very wrong. But when I looked for the author's instructions about the later bidding I found the subject dismissed in a few lines.

The reason is clear: it is not possible to set out hands for the purpose of late bids, nor to give precise rules for them, as is easy to do with original bids. That being so, it becomes fantastic to make rules for original bids. If a player knows how to bid he will not require rules: if he does not know, rules will do him little good: they will carry him through the first bid and fail him for the rest. He will merely be burdening his memory and tying up his attention instead of devoting his whole mind to the exercise of his own best judgment.

Varying The Bid.

An original bid really announces one thing—namely, that the hand is too strong to pass on. An original bid of one no-trump is made by some players, only when they have at least a Queen above the average hand: by others when they have just an average hand. Between these two extremes it often matters little whether we pass or bid one no-trump.

It is not possible to lay down an exact standard of strength for a one no-trump bid; and it is not a bad thing to vary one's habits according to the score and according to the players. With timid or underevaluating adversaries, it is as well to bid no-trumps as soon as possible, so as to depress their bidding and also to avoid the hand being thrown in. With overevaluating adversaries, on the other hand, one need be in no hurry to start the bidding, but can join in to more advantage later.

When bidding a suit the same sort of considerations apply. In London it is usual now to bid a suit with A, K, x, x, and no other card in the hand. In New York this is considered too weak; and A, K, x, x, or A, K, Q, x, are taken as the minimum. The fact is that, as with no-trumps, no definite fixed line can be drawn. The border line is very vague; and hands that are near the border-line may be bid or passed according to fancy. But if we intend at some stage to bid a short suit, it should obviously be bid at once, as the bidding may have become too high to show the suit when the next opportunity arrives.

When To Be "Forward."

A long suit can much more safely be postponed: and if it lacks the top honours it is better postponed, as one of the adversaries may hold the top honours and bid it first. It should, of course, never be postponed with a strong hand, lest the others pass and the deal is thrown in. The forward style of play which I have always advocated does not mean making reckless original bids. It refers to the later stages of the bidding. It is of little use to start off barking like a wolf and then lie

(Continued on next column).

JAPANESE LOVERS' TRAGEDY.

SUICIDE IN SHANGHAI LODGING HOUSE.

DANCER AND MUSICIAN DIE TOGETHER.

A CONSIDERATE WARNING TO OTHERS.

SHANGHAI, April 10th.

Presumably tired of life, and, because they could not marry, the adopted parents of Miss Toni Sakai having refused to give their consent, S. Mizutani and Miss Sakai carried out a suicide pact at 152 Range Road, Shanghai at some time between 8.30 p.m. on April 3rd and yesterday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

Before committing the act, one of them very considerably wrote a notice in Japanese and placed it outside their room door as follows:—"Do not enter, the room is full of poisonous gas."

The unhappy couple both of whom were employed in the Bluebird café, the one as a musician, the other as a dancing partner, disappeared from their place of employment last Tuesday night, and had not been seen by the manager since. The police from their investigations learned that the couple had rented a small attic room at 152 Range Road at about 8.30 p.m. on the same evening. Neither the landlord or servants on the premises saw them afterwards. They had paid one half month's room rent and had informed the proprietor that they did not desire to take any meals. The room which they engaged was the only room in the attic and the servants had no reason to meet them or be in the room.

The Boy's Discovery.

On Sunday afternoon, one of the servants chanced to visit the attic. He saw the sign on the door but not being conversant with the Japanese language thought nothing of it. No further attention was given to the room until yesterday afternoon when the landlord thought to investigate as he had not seen his tenants for nearly a week. He saw Sgt. Hale who accompanied him to the house. The officer after questioning the servants instructed one of the boys to crawl over the gabled roof. The boy saw both of them dead on the bed and reported to the officer. Sgt. Hale immediately went to the door and burst in. Upon seeing what had happened he notified his superiors and Det. Insp. Schmidt came to the house.

down like a lamb during the later rounds. It is better policy to start like a lamb and defer barking until there is something to bark at.

I am often asked when a player should take out a suit when second hand has passed. The cardinal rule is never to take out on weak hands. A take-out should always imply strength. It is nearly always wrong to take out with a suit of four; it is nearly always right to take out with a major suit of six. With a major suit of five, discretion is needed. If the five are all low, it is better to leave the no-trump.

The minimum strength, when there is nothing else whatever in the hand, is something about K, Q, x, x, x. With side-strength the trumps may be weaker. If there is a major suit of five good enough to take out a no-trump call, a player should never be deterred from doing so by the fact that the rest of his hand is enormously strong and that game seems safe in no-trumps. No hand is too strong to take out a partner's no-trump; but many hands are too weak.

Back To No-Trumps.

The no-trump bidder, on being taken out, should always go to two no-trumps if the suit called by his partner happens to be his weakness, and this is the main reason why some strength is needed before the suit-bidder should take out his partner. He must always remember that his partner may go back to two no-trumps, which is a call that may easily be doubled. The one no-trump, if left alone, cannot be doubled. For the double of one is informative, and not intended to be left in. If by chance it is left in, then the question of a rescue will arise; but it is a fine maxim to avoid rescuing your partner before you know he is in danger.

Both In Pyjamas.

The room was in perfect order, nothing had been disturbed, and Mizutani and Miss Sakai were lying on the bed, her body having fallen partly across his. They lay facing the setting sun. Both were dressed in pyjamas. On the floor, but over a Stearns lamp was a brass basin in which remained a thick white residue. On the table was an empty bottle which had contained an opiate. The wardrobe door was closed and a man's hat lay on the chest of drawers. With the exception of a pair of slippers no other articles of clothing were seen in the room, excepting those, of course, which were in the wardrobe. On the table were several photographs, a few letters, some visiting cards, and three or four other bottles which contained medicine. The western window was open.

Last Attempt For Life.

According to the deductions of the police both had taken part of the opiate, the label on the bottle being "Adalin." The police further conclude that the couple had lain upon the bed and that Mizutani had taken a very large portion of the opiate, inasmuch as his appearance suggested this. He had bled slightly from the nostrils.

Officials are of the opinion that Miss Sakai had taken very little of the opiate, and when she saw her comrade to the pact was unconscious, that she made a desperate attempt to save their lives by opening the window. She succeeded in this but was so weak that after opening the window, she fell prostrate over his body—the position in which they were found.

Letters To Parents.

In the letters, addressed to his father and mother and to their friends, the deceased referred to the fact that they preferred dying together rather than living separately, they having been denied the privilege of marrying.

Miss Sakai is the adopted daughter of well-to-do Japanese residents of Shanghai and she had formed her acquaintance with Mizutani since the first of the year. Mizutani according to information in the hands of the Japanese police had attempted some time ago to commit suicide subsequent to an estrangement with a geisha girl.

The manager of the café in which they were employed, has, it is understood taken charge of the remains.—North China Daily News.

BOGUS COUNT ARRESTED. 10-YEAR MASQUERADE AS ANOTHER MAN.

DEATH MYSTERY OF ENGLISH "WIFE."

BUDAPEST.
Count Felix La Vaux, an ex-officer who is highly respected in Budapest, was amazed, on receiving a peremptory summons from the police, to learn that he was sought by the police of London, Paris, Berlin, Vienna, and Munich, and that among other crimes he was accused of murdering his wife. He was able to prove that he had not left Budapest for several years, and recalled that a friend had told him that a Count La Vaux had been arrested recently in Maricabad.

In consequence the man under arrest at Maricabad was taken to Vienna, and made a confession of identity. His name is Friedrich Essenebach, and he has been posing all over Europe as Count Felix La Vaux, with the aid of papers he found in the trunk of the real count, which was lost during a retreat at Luck towards the end of the war. He is a native of Bavaria, and has a wife at Esseg, in South Slavina.

As Count La Vaux he went through a form of marriage with an English woman of good family, the widow of a diplomat. She died eight months later, poisoned under mysterious circumstances. It was the warrant issued on this charge which reached Budapest and cleared up to some extent the identity mystery.

The impostor had posed as an intimate friend of the ex-Kaiser Wilhelm. He is alleged to have visited Germany of importance in many countries by blackmail and threats.

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A.K. Bank	\$1,900 buy, & sa.
Do.	\$194 nom.
Chartered Bank	\$211 buy.
Mercantile Bank A. & B.	\$244 nom.
Do.	\$214 buy.
P. & O. Bank	\$291 nom.
East Asia Bank	\$376 buy.
Canton Insurance	\$850 buy.
Union Insurance	\$335 buy, & sa.
North China Ins.	\$145 nom.
Yangtze Insurance	\$1,845 buy.
China Underwriters	\$24 buy.
China Fire Insurance	\$215 nom.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	\$760 buy.
Douglases	\$401 sel.
H.K. Steamboats	\$323 buy, 222 sel.
H.K. Tugs	\$24 buy, 240/sa.
Indo-China (Fret.)	\$37 buy.
Do. (Del.)	\$74 nom.
Shell Transport	\$90 nom.
Waterworks	\$201 buy.
Benguet	\$31 nom.
Kailan Mining Ad.	\$61 buy.
Langkate (combined)	\$16 nom.
Do. (single)	\$17 nom.
S'hai. Explorations	\$14 nom.
Shanghai Loans	\$14 nom.
Bank of China	\$178 nom.
Tonghai Mining	\$139 sel.
R.K. & K. Wharf	\$45 sel.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$45 sel.
China Provident	\$36 buy.
Hongkong	\$104 buy.
New Engineering	\$14.80 nom.
Shanghai Docks	\$104 buy, 110 sel.
Ewo Cottons	\$1.80 buy, 81 sel.
Oriental Cottons	\$1.85 buy.
S'hai Cottons (old)	\$1.85 nom.
Do. (new)	\$1.31 nom.
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$913 buy.
H.K. Lands	\$68 sel.
Shanghai Lands	\$132 buy.
Humphreys Estates	\$15/144 sa.
H.K. Realities	\$81 buy, 81 sel.
H.K. Territorials	\$1 nom.
H.K. Tramways	\$25.10 buy, 25 1/2 sa.
Peak Tram (old)	\$13 buy.
Do. (new)	\$71 buy.
Star Ferries	\$84 sel.
China Lights (comb.)	\$12.35 sel., 13.30/sa
Do. (old)	\$13.70 nom.
Do. (new) (Lp.)	\$13.70 nom.
H.K. Electric	\$174 sel., 70 sa.
Macao Electric	\$36 buy.
Telephones	\$4.90 buy.
China Bases	\$14.60 buy.
Singapore Tractions	\$11/9 nom.
China Sugars	\$5.10 nom.
Malabon Sugars	\$24 nom.
Canton Loco	\$4 nom.
Cements (combined)	\$101 buy.
Do. (old)	\$10 nom.
Do. (new)	\$10 nom.
H.K. Bopas (old)	\$71 nom.
Do. (new)	\$33 nom.
United Assurance	\$10 sel.
Dairy Farms	\$322 buy.
Watsons	\$14 sel., 14.70 sa.
Der A. Wings	\$0.75 sel., 0.50 sa.
Lane Crawford	\$31 buy.
Machintosh	\$10 sel.
Sinoco	\$10 buy.
Wm. Powell	\$4 sel.
H.K. Amusements	\$29 nom.
H.K. Constructions	\$11 nom.
Equa. Indus. G. Bonds	\$62 buy.
H.K. Govt. Loans	10% prem. buy.
Buy—buyers; sel.—sellers; sa.—sales; nom.—nominal.	

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

	Rueury, April 11th.
Paris	124
New York	4.88.11/32
Brussels	34.96
Geneva	25.33
Amsterdam	12.11
Milan	62.63
Berlin	90.41
Stockholm	18.18
Copenhagen	18.20
Oslo	18.26
Vienna	34.705
Prague	1644
Helsingfors	1833
Madrid	20.033
Lisbon	24
Athens	3721
Bucharest	7791
Rio	5.59/84
Buenos Aires	47.13/18
Bombay	1/5.31/32
Yokohama	1/11.9/16
Shanghai	2/4
Hong Kong	2/4
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ENGLISH JUDGE SHOCKED. MR. JUSTICE SWIFT ON DIVORCE CASES.

After adjudicating in nearly 50 matrimonial cases at Manchester Assizes, Mr. Justice Riggby Swift said he heard things in the court which shocked and grieved him. "But it is not my business," he added, "to express disgust at what goes on, and so I won't." Later he said, "The more I sit in these courts, the more I am at the ease with which an unfaithful wife appears to get a maintenance order in the police courts, and the respectable husband finds himself in the police court because he cannot pay."

"I must have heard three or four cases to-day in which perfectly respectable husbands have proved perfectly good cases of unfaithfulness on the part of their wives, and have still been ordered to pay maintenance, and in one case sent to prison for not paying it."

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FIRST SINO-BRITISH RATEPAYERS' MEETING IN HANKOW.

DR. L. N. CHANG ON NEED TO RESPOND TO BRITAIN'S GENEROSITY.

DEBENTURE REDEMPTION FUND FORMED.

HANKOW, April 5th.

The British Concession at Hankow was inaugurated in 1861 and the first meeting of Ratepayers was held in the following year. The sixty-fourth Report contained striking illustrations of the havoc wrought in the June, 1923, riot and the sixty-fifth will live in Chinese history as the meeting at which the terms of the Chen-O'Malley agreement were accepted and the Concession ceased to be.

The first meeting of the new series was ably presided over by Dr. L. N. Chang, the Director. His report took nearly an hour to deliver and dealt in a frank and lucid manner with the work and the difficulties of 1927.

Chinese Responsibility Now.

At the commencement he drew attention to the fact that the British Government had done what it said it would do in handing over the Concession, and emphatically added that the Chinese authorities must now do what they had undertaken to do in matters of administration. This note of a grave responsibility undertaken by persons who had had little experience of this form of public service characterized the whole speech and disarmed much of the criticism which seemed likely to find expression. Having referred to the experiences through which Hankow passed in the first half of last year, to the depreciated currency, the disorder created by the Labour Unions, the failure of three successive Directors and the consequent imperfection in the records of every department, Dr. Chang claimed that he had demonstrated his intention to live up to the letter and the spirit of the regulations governing the Special Administrative District created by the Chen-O'Malley agreement.

The Director was listened to with understanding sympathy when he referred to unclassified receipts and unauthorized expenditures; to a deficit of Tls. 11,000 in water accounts; and to the compulsion placed on the Directors to deposit monies in the Central Bank. He made no secret of the fact that while the accounts showed a deficit of about Tls. 8,000, the total deficit was really about Tls. 64,000. This was made up in round figures of excess of expenditure, Tls. 18,000; loss on pawnshop and traffic licences, Tls. 10,000; rates not paid, Tls. 10,000; Central Bank transactions, Tls. 10,000; and other bad debts about Tls. 6,000. He narrated the efforts which had been made to get Government to help in meeting these losses, but had to admit that there had been no response beyond sympathy.

Police A Heavy Item.

Turning to the Budget he pointed out that the cost of policing the district must be larger since there were more forces making for disorder, a new type of armed robber to be dealt with, and no volunteers ready to rush to the help of the police. He explained the item for fines and pointed out that he was bound to create some kind of police court. He mentioned the houses still occupied by troops for which no rent is paid, and suggested that the landlords could not be expected

to pay their taxes under these circumstances.

The increase in charges for electricity was shown to be well within the limits of the agreement between the former British Council and the Light and Power Company; but Dr. Chang emphasized the failure of the Waterworks Company to fulfil its obligations. Pressure, which should be maintained at a level represented by the figure 85, had been as low as 47 and stayed around 58. The supply is insufficient, the filtration is inadequate and the amount charged for is far in excess of the amount which is consumed.

Dr. Chang concluded a "very effective report by saying that the burdens were at times so heavy that he looked forward to the time when he would be released from the post he holds and could, like Cincinnati, retire to his farm and serve the state as a private citizen.

Hopes Of A Surplus.

The rest of the business was soon disposed of. Mimeographed copies of the report in Chinese had been supplied to the few Chinese ratepayers who were present so that there was need to read the report again in that language. The accounts for 1927 were passed without comment. The Schedule of Rates and Taxes being unaltered was accepted. The Budget as printed left open the question of the disposal of Tls. 38,000 excess of income over expenditure if all hopes are realized. An elaborate scheme for re-surfacing all the roads was shelved by common consent, and on the advice of the Council it was decided to use all available monies in meeting the interest due to the debenture holders. The legality of this proceeding was raised from the floor, in that the ratepayers had provided the necessary money in 1927 but the actions of the various authorities had led to its being lost. Equity prevailed over law and the Budget was adopted unanimously.

The New Council.

Messrs. S. T. Chow, Eliot F. Ho and D. A. Lee are the Chinese members of the Council with Messrs. G. H. Charleton, F. C. R. Keed and W. S. Dupree as the British members. The new Debenture Redemption Fund was created and three trustees were invited to serve; one or two needed alterations in the Regulations were made, and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Director and Council for their services during a year of exceptional difficulties.

There is a general feeling that the only possible thing has been done. The slate has been wiped as clean as possible, and under the present circumstances there ought to be a return to normal conditions in matters of administration and finance.—*N. C. Daily News*

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

DEMAND FOR STOCKS MAINTAINED.

Messrs. Benjamin & Potts in their weekly review of the share market, dated yesterday, state:

Business has, during the past week been interrupted by the Easter holidays, but on the whole a very fair demand for the majority of stocks continues to be met with, and prices with few exceptions have been well maintained.

Hong Kong and Shanghai Banks have ruled steady with sales made at \$1,300 and further buyers at this figure. The London quotation is wired at \$134.100 (middle). Unions show an improvement over the last week's closing quotation, the rate having advanced to \$326. Cautions have likewise strengthened and were bid up to \$880. Hong Kong Fires were again dealt in at \$780.

Indo China (Deferred) were sold to London at \$2,12.6 while the Preferred shares have changed hands at \$2,17.6. Kowloon Wharves have

ceased somewhat, but at the close buyers prevail at \$137. China Providents were sold at the outset at \$27, but have since firmed up to \$28.10. Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels were done at \$9.15/\$9.2. Hong Kong Lands came to business at \$85.1.

Hong Kong Trams have further weakened and deals were made at \$23.1. China Lights after having improved to \$13.85 and \$13.65 for the old and new shares respectively, are now on offer at \$13.70 and \$13.1. Hong Kong Electric were booked to a fair extent at \$70.70. Peak Trams (Old) were taken off the market at \$13.20. Hong Kong Telephones are saleable at \$4.40 ex the final dividend of 12.1 cents just paid.

Green Island Cements were sold down to \$104 but there is an understone of strength and buyers are now offering \$104. China Sugars are now negotiated at \$6 and \$6.10. Malabons fetched \$24. Watsons are wanted at \$134 after sales at \$14. Dairy Farms are in demand at \$22.1.

There are buyers of Shanghai Docks at Tls. 109. Ewos's Tls. 8.00 and Orientals at Tls. 2.05.

THE NAVAL BUDGET.

REPORT OF THE FIRST LORD.

TRIBUTE TO FLEET AIR ARM IN CHINA.

SINGAPORE NAVAL BASE.

The report of the First Lord of the Admiralty on the Naval Budget says:—

Expenditure at the Singapore Naval Base is being mainly confined to the continuation of the works involved in the installation of the floating dock and the investigations and preliminary works connected with the new base. As intimated last year, the Government have proceeded with the work on the reduced scheme and full particulars have been prepared for letting a contract. Certain contractors have been invited to tender for what may be called the heavier or main portion of the work.

Arrangements have been made to commence the towing of the Singapore floating dock from the United Kingdom about June. The dock should arrive at Singapore about November, and be ready for use about four months later. Last year I mentioned gratefully the contribution made by the Federated Malay States towards the cost of the Base. This year, in addition, an instalment of the Dominion of New Zealand's gift of £1,000,000 goes to reduce the charges which would, otherwise, fall upon these Estimates.

Fleet Activities Abroad.

During the past year the situation in China, from a naval point of view, has become less exacting. With the arrival of the Shanghai Defence Force and its establishment in Shanghai, the need for the large cruiser reinforcements disappeared, and these have now been withdrawn to their respective stations.

The 3rd Destroyer Flotilla has been retained for service on the Yangtze until the river level rises and again permits cruisers to reach Hankow, when it is hoped that the Flotilla will be able to rejoin the Mediterranean Station.

Excellent work has been carried out by the Fleet Air Arm units in China, and a very high standard of skill has been displayed when operating from the small aerodrome at Shanghai and with seaplanes from the congested waters of the Shanghai River and Hoang Kong Harbour.

The 12th Royal Marine battalion, which was the first part of the Shanghai Defence Force to be sent from England, has been employed during the year at Shanghai and Nanking. Owing to the improvement in the situation, it was found possible to reduce this battalion from time to time, and finally the residue of officers and men returned to England in January last, having thus been absent from this country for practically a year.

Unfortunately, the prevalence of piracy both on the high seas and in the inland waterways of China has continued. Direct intervention, however, on the part of the Navy was possible in one recent case on the high seas and has been followed by a remarkable cessation of the trouble in this sphere.

As a result of experience during trials the funnels of the Kent class cruisers have been lengthened and some minor machinery changes which the trials indicated to be desirable have also been made.

NEW MUSLIM HOSTEL.

Plans for the construction of a new Muslim Hostel in Shelley Street have been approved by the Building Authority.

The contract for the erection of the hostel was signed by four Trustees representing the Muslim community of Hong Kong with Messrs. Hang Tai & Co., contractors of Kowloon. It will be an imposing two-storeyed structure and when completed will command a good view of the harbour. It will, we are informed, be a credit to the community and a boon to Muslim travellers.

The construction of the hostel was the outcome of the suggestion of Khan Sahib Nawab Khan of the Indian Muslim Society who was instrumental in securing funds for its erection.

Khan Sahib Nawab Khan is attached to the Hong Kong Police Force and is a popular member of the Muslim community. He is one of the four Trustees who has been acting in conjunction with Mr. S. A. Sopher, another Trustee, in effecting improvements in the Mosque and Cemetery. The architects are Messrs. Dennison, Ham & Gibbs.

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QUESTIONS REGARDING METHODS OF LAW EVASION.

In the House of Commons on March 8th—Col. Woodcock (Liverpool, Everton, U.) asked the Home Secretary if his attention had been called to the case at the East Ham Police Court, when five Chinese admitted they had not the authority permitting them to land in this country; and if he had any information showing how foreigners of this type could evade the law and settle in this country.

Sir R. Thomas (Anglesey, L.) asked whether the police raids which had recently been made upon the Chinese quarters in several ports had produced any evidence that Chinese were being secretly introduced into this country without passports.

Sir W. Joynson-Hicks (Twickenham). Having reason to think that arrangements to bring Chinese into this country by irregular means were in existence, I determined recently on a search of Chinese establishments. The five Chinese referred to in the question by Colonel Woodcock were arrested in the course of this search. These cases must be considered *sub judice* at present, and it is not, I think, desirable that I should at any time

specify in detail the information which has come into my possession as to the methods of those who have been responsible for the irregularities. I can assure the House that I am keeping a very sharp watch on this matter.

Mr. Wallhead (Merthyr, Lab.).—If the right hon. gentleman aware that a large number of Chinese have recently been arrested at the Kit-Cat Club and the Embassy Club?

Sir W. Joynson-Hicks.—I cannot say. Perhaps the hon. member has more knowledge of Chinese than I have.

Mr. Wallhead.—I thought the right hon. gentleman might have been able to impart some information, perhaps, about the Kit-Cat Club.

Sir W. Joynson-Hicks.—That's an old one! (Laughter.)

Mr. Garro-Jones (Hackney, S., L.).—Is the Home Secretary aware that if he made similar search in West End restaurants and hotels he would find that a large number of people of other nationalities have been brought in?

Sir W. Joynson-Hicks.—I shall be most grateful to the hon. member if he will use his information in that matter, and place it at my disposal. (Laughter.)

Mr. Garro-Jones.—Does the right hon. gentleman think it his job or mine to exclude aliens?

Sir W. Joynson-Hicks.—I think it is the job of all loyal Englishmen to assist the law. (Cheers.)

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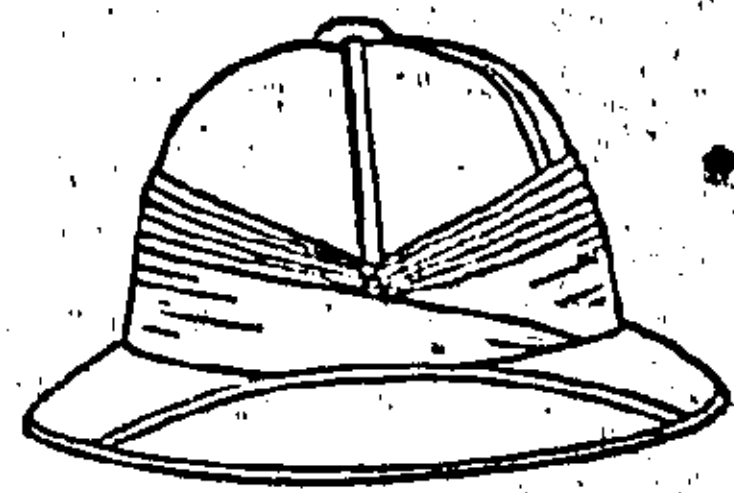
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Supporting Mr. Harston were the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Sir Elly Kadoorie, K.B.E., Com. Leg. Hon., and Messrs. E. M. Raymond, P. K. Kwok, John Fleming and J. H. Taggart (managing-director).

The following shareholders were present: Messrs. W. J. Hawker, P. A. Suckling, A. W. Smith, R. Soonderam, W. E. van Eps, representing a total of 56,475 shares.

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman said:—The last statement of accounts presented to you was in respect of the year from 1st July, 1926, to 30th June, 1927, but the Directors have considered it advisable in the present instance to present to you a statement of accounts covering a period of six months so that hereafter, subject to your approval, the accounts of the Company may be closed on the more convenient date of 31st of December in each year.

I think that the balance sheet and accounts as presented, taken in conjunction with the amplifying remarks thereon appearing in the Directors' report, show comprehensively the financial position of the Company as on the 31st December, 1927, and in these circumstances there is no need for me to enter into detailed explanation in connection therewith.

The profit for the period under review including the sum of \$8,777.64 brought forward from 30th June, 1927, and after setting aside \$8,584.09 for depreciation amounts to \$76,027.63 which amount your Board recommends be apportioned as follows:—

Transfer to general reserve	\$50,000.00
Carry forward to a new account	23,027.63
	\$76,027.63

and I trust that this allocation, which for the purpose of elucidation has been incorporated in the accounts, will meet with your approval.

From a perusal of the report, you will observe that the sum of \$200,000 was retired from the mortgage indebtedness of the Company on the 31st December, 1927, and a further \$20,000 has since been paid off, leaving the balance under this heading at five lakhs; in this connection arrangements have been effected with the Company's Bankers whereby this mortgage will be retired on the 30th April, 1928, and carried as an overdraft with the Bank—thus reducing the rate of interest payable thereon.

During the period under review the Company's office premises have been fully occupied, as also have been the residential properties at Repulse Bay, and I am pleased to say that our rental revenue has materially improved, and that there will gradually be an increase under this heading, as the leases entered into provide for rentals upon a graduated scale.

Architectural Business Separated.

The volume of business placed under the supervision of our Architectural Department has been as satisfactory as could have been expected in the circumstances of the prevailing conditions in the Colony, but your Board decided, that having regard to the fact that the contracts in respect of our own constructional work had drawn to a close, it would be prudent to separate the business of this department from the Company's other activities—particularly as the success of an architectural practice can be developed only by efforts of a personal nature—and an agreement was accordingly entered into, as a result of which Mr. G. W. Grey and Mr. J. Bentley Hawker took over the business of this department as from the 1st instant on terms which were satisfactory to your Company. This Company will, therefore, place its work of an architectural nature with the firm in question—with which arrangements our clients are in complete agreement.

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CASSIA CARGO SHORTAGE.

CLAIM IN THE SUMMARY COURT.

PLAINTIFF, NON-SUITED.

Before the Puians Judge (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) at the Summary Court yesterday afternoon, P. A. Krishner, of Motilal Patel, of 63, Wyndham Street, sued Ng Sau Chi, c/o Messrs. Banker & Co., Ltd., 4, Queen's Road Central, for \$362.70 stated to be due in respect of a shortage of 31 piculs out of 700 bales of cassia purchased from the defendant under a contract dated May 19th, 1927. Plaintiff conducted his own case and Mr. J. M. Hall was for the defendant.

The plaintiff, in giving evidence said that the cassia was shipped to Calcutta where it was weighed and found short.

He admitted that he did not weigh the cassia before it was sent from Hong Kong. He produced a document from Calcutta recording the shortage of weight but his Lordship said he could not accept that document.

His Lordship, in the absence of the proof of shortage when the cassia left Hong Kong, non-suited the plaintiff with costs.

A DANGEROUS CARGO.

JUNK MASTER'S 40 STICKS OF DYNAMITE.

Before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday a Chinese junk master appeared on the charge of having on board his boat 40 sticks of dynamite, 240 detonators, and three coils of fuse without a permit.

The defendant admitted the charge but said that they had been left there by some other person. Sergeant Morton who made the arrest stated that the defendant when hailed by a police launch at Shamshuiho dumped the dynamite overboard.

A fine of \$100 was imposed.

ANOTHER GLOBE WALKER.

CZECHO-SLOVAKIAN AT PRESENT IN HONG KONG.

A Czechoslovakian named Oldrich W. Peska, who is at present in Hong Kong, is attempting to walk round the world. He left Chicago in September 1924, and up to the present has completed 25,000 miles. He is expected back in Chicago towards the end of this year, and must cover 40,000 miles before he arrives.

He is a Boy Scout, and commenced by walking from Chicago to New York. He sailed to Cherbourg, and walked to Paris, on to Munich, Prague (his native city), through Austria, Poland, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Turkey, Syria, Mesopotamia, and Persia to India, reaching Bombay in October last after a really hazardous journey. He tramped across India to Calcutta, proceeding on to Rangoon and Bangkok. He reached here from Bangkok on Tuesday by the s.s. *Hirundo*, and intends later proceeding by ship to Shanghai and Japan. He will walk right through Japan, and if possible proceed to the Kurile Islands to Kamchatka where he will take boat to the Canadian coast from where he will walk back to Chicago.

Mr. Peska has an interesting book of signatures, stamps and souvenirs. He is staying at the Sailors' Home, near St. Peter's Church, and will be pleased to hear from any fellow-countrymen in the Colony.

There being no further matters calling for particular comment, I now beg to formally propose that the report and accounts for the financial year ending 31st December, 1927, as presented, be adopted, and that the appropriations recommended by the Directors be confirmed.

Other Business.

The adoption of the report and statement of accounts having been seconded by Mr. W. J. Hawker and passed unanimously, the next business was the confirmation of the appointments of Mr. E. Dunbar and Sir Elly Kadoorie, K.B.E., to the Board of Directors, and the reelection of Messrs. P. K. Kwok and John Fleming which was proposed by Mr. W. E. van Eps, seconded by Mr. A. W. Smith and carried unanimously.

Messrs. Linstead & Davis were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$500 per annum on the proposal of Mr. P. H. Suckling, seconded by Mr. R. Soonderam.

THE PRAYA MOTOR FATALITY.

KELSEY COMMITTED TO SESSIONS.

At the resumed hearing of the charge of manslaughter against E.R.A. W. G. Kelsey, formerly of H.M.S. *Amisrose* (now of H.M.S. *Titanica*), the Magistrate (Mr. R. E. Lindsell) held that a *prima facie* case had been made out against the defendant and committed him for trial.

The case arose from the death of a Chinese pedestrian from injuries alleged to have been caused when the defendant in driving public motor-car No. 313 knocked the man down near the Po Tak wharf in the early morning of March 26th last.

Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones, who appeared for the defence, put defendant in the witness-box.

Defendant's Evidence.

E.R.A. Kelsey said that he had been 16 years in the British Navy and was a first class engine room artificer, a rank attainable only after 14 years' service. He had spent the whole of his life working amongst machinery, and had been driving motor-cars since 1922. He held a motor driving licence at Home and drove his own car and others until he came to the China Station last year.

In describing his movements on the night of March 24th, witness said that he had had a couple of drinks, but was perfectly sober. On returning in the car from Kennedy Town, witness asked the driver: "Can drive, John?" The driver enquired: "Have got licence?" and witness replied that he held a driving licence issued in England. The driver then gave him the wheel and sat beside him, the *jois* being asked to sit at the back with Stoker Whitworth.

Witness drove the car at about 25 miles an hour and on nearing the Po Tak wharf saw two Chinese leaving the wharf. He sounded the horn, slipped the clutch, and applied the foot-brake, but just as he had succeeded in avoiding the pedestrians, another man started to walk across the road. Witness swerved to the left, the car skidded at right angles to the Praya wall, and went over the edge. He was sure that the pedestrian was not hit by the car.

Committed For Trial.

Mr. Lindsell committed Kelsey for trial at the next Criminal Sessions on the manslaughter charge.

Two other charges arising from the same case were then considered. The charge of reckless driving was withdrawn by the police, and Kelsey having pleaded guilty to the other charge of driving without the proper licence, a fine of \$10 was imposed.

CINEMA NEWS.

"THE GAY RETREAT"

Ted McNamara and Sammy Cohen, who scored a big hit in "What Price Glory" as Private Kiper and Private Lipinsky, will be seen here next week in their own special comedy, "The Gay Retreat," which will be screened at the Queen's Theatre from Wednesday to Saturday. "The Gay Retreat" is something new in war comedies, developed along logical lines, the story tells the adventures of McNamara and Cohen as a valet and chauffeur who have joined the army to look after their former master, a millionaire's son addicted to sleep-walking. Trouble starts for the three at the very outset and their military life consists of jumping out of the frying pan into the fire and back into the frying pan again. Gene Cameron, a new comedian, plays the rôle of the millionaire's son, Lady King is a charming French girl and Betty Francisco is a pretty ambulance driver. "The Gay Retreat" was specially written for Ted McNamara and Sammy Cohen by a leading American cartoonist, and it is said to be the funniest war comedy yet brought to Hong Kong except perhaps "Shoulder Arms."

Greatest Camera Work.

The almost unlimited scope of the camera is demonstrated in the topical gazette which will be screened at the Queen's Theatre tomorrow. The camera shows with wonderful clearness scenes taken above and below the water line at the same time. The feature film in the Queen's Theatre tomorrow will be "The Lady of the Harem," a colourful production presenting a romance in the days of the Arabian Nights. "The Lady of the Harem" is particularly notable for its lavish settings.

Just Received.

A
Large Shipment

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(Victor Distributors)
CHATER ROAD.

HANKOW FRENCH CONCESSION.

CHARGE THAT CONSUL
SHELTERS COMMUNISTS.

DEMAND FOR RETURN OF
CONCESSION.

HANKOW, April 5th.
According to the *Ming Kuo Erh Pao* of yesterday the Garrison Commander Hu Tsung Tu, has telegraphed to Nanking suggesting that the French Concession here should be "taken back by" the Chinese.

The telegram is a long one, and can be summarized as follows. For many months the Garrison Commander has made strenuous efforts to suppress Communism and has executed 500 persons who have been proved to be leaders in that movement. The result has been the restoration of good order in the Wuhan cities, and this fact has been recognized by the Consular Body. But his efforts to eradicate the Communists are now being blocked by the action of the French Consul-General, M. Lecomte. Seven-tenths of the trouble now emanates from the French Concession.

The telegram gives a list of houses and shops which are known to be used by the Communists. One is the general agency for propaganda through the Yangtze Valley, another is the Hupei Province agency, and another the place from which the *Ta Kung Pao* is published. The Garrison Commander claims that he has always respected the treaties with France, that he has sent in warrants for counter-signature, and that he has submitted outlines of the evidence in his hands. But the French Consul-General raises so many technical points as to leave the impression that he has been bribed to befriend the Communists. (This of course is merely quoting the Garrison Commander.)

The Garrison Commander therefore suggests that the Nationalist Government should take up this matter through the usual diplomatic channels, insisting on the surrender of the French Concession and the abrogation of the treaties which are causing the present trouble. He states that the feelings of the military and civilians are aroused to a high pitch.

The publication of the text of this telegram has been followed by the sporadic appearance on the Chinese street of placards calling for the taking back of the French Concession and developments are being watched with some anxiety.—*N.Y. Daily News.*

THE BOXER INDEMNITY.

QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT.

THE GOVERNMENT'S
ATTITUDE.

In the House of Commons on March 7th.—Mr. Ammon (Camberwell, N. Lab.) asked the Foreign Secretary whether, in view of the improved relations now existing between this country and all parts of China, he would consider giving effect to the recommendations of the Boxer Indemnity Commission; and whether for this purpose he would endeavour to secure the co-operation of the North and South Governments of China for the purpose of carrying out the proposals of that Commission.

Mr. G. L. Llewellyn, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs (Wood Green).—While I welcome the hon. member's statement that our relations with the various regional administrations in China are greatly improved, I must observe that it is not yet clear that these administrations have yet achieved any degree of permanency, stability, or authority, whereas they are in many instances undoubtedly hostile to each other. Apart from the factional quarrels in the Kuomintang ranks, the Paris Conference recently held at Shanghai is reported to have declared its resolution to prosecute the campaign against the North and to continue the advance against Peking. In these circumstances I fear that it would be useless to attempt to give effect to the recommendations of the Boxer Indemnity Commission so long as the present condition of confusion and uncertainty prevails throughout the country.

SHANGHAI DEFENCE FORCE.

BRITISH TROOPS IN CHINA.
NUMBER 7420.

THE ARMY ESTIMATES.

The Army Estimates of Effective and Non-Effective Services for the financial year 1928 were issued on March 1st. No provision is made for the excess cost involved in the employment of extra troops in China, and a Supplementary Estimate will be presented on this account, as in 1926 and 1927.

On the motion to go into Committee of Supply on the Army Estimates in the House of Commons on March 6th, Sir L. Worthington-Evans, Secretary of State for War (Colchester), said he was asking for a Vote on Vote A for 153,500 men. This was 13,000 less than last year, but last year the Vote was smaller by the numbers required to cover the mixed brigade which was sent from India to China, and by the men called up from Section A of the Reserve to join British units going to China.

These factors alone accounted for 9,000 men. In the course of his speech, other references to the China force were made. The estimates did not contain any provision for the additional cost of the troops in China, who were in excess of the number normally stationed there. The War Office were following the practice of previous years in presenting Supplementary Estimates so that the House might be aware of the extra cost involved in the dispatch of additional troops to that country. He paid a tribute to the good work and good behaviour of the troops sent at short notice to China under conditions of service which were exceptional, and to the admirable manner in which the men of section "A" of the Army Reserve responded to the sudden call on their services. (Cheers.) The last of those returned home a few weeks ago, and he was sure that all members of that House, and all the wider audience to whom his words might come, would be ready to do what they could to help to employment or re-employment those men who had rendered so useful a service to their country in time of emergency. (Hear, hear.) He was very glad that the garrison in China was being reduced, but he would point out that the service in the contained area of Shanghai was extremely irksome. If we were to keep any force there at all he hoped they would be kept to a minimum and that the personnel would be changed as quickly as possible.

In reply to Mr. Lawson, Mr. Duff Cooper said the actual number of troops in China was 7,420. It was impossible to say definitely what the actual cost was; it would be the subject of a subsequent Supplementary Estimate.

HEALTH BULLETIN OF EASTERN PORTS.

The health bulletin of Eastern Ports for the week ending April 7th was as follows:—

Plague.

Suez: 3 cases, 4 deaths.
Aden: 103 cases, 120 deaths.
Bassorah: 5 deaths.
Bombay: 21 deaths.
Calcutta: 2 deaths.
Rangoon: 8 deaths.
Cherbon: 1 infected rat.
Bagdad: 1 death. (For week ended March 31st).

Cholera.

Bassorah: 22 deaths.
Calcutta: 112 deaths.
Madras: 1 death.
Rangoon: 5 deaths.
Tuticorin: 10 cases, 8 deaths.
Pondicherry: 1 case, 1 death.
Bangkok: 24 cases, 11 deaths.
Singapore: 26 cases, 20 deaths.

Small-pox.

Bombay: 49 cases, 57 deaths.
Calcutta: 40 cases, 35 deaths.
Madras: 81 cases, 15 deaths.
Moulmein: 10 cases, 5 deaths.
Rangoon: 50 cases, 23 deaths.
Pondicherry: 7 cases, 7 deaths.
Shanghai: 3 deaths.
Simonside: 1 case.
Dairen: 6 cases.

KWANGTUNG WAR LORDS.

ALLOTING SPHERES OF INFLUENCE.

A DELICATE TASK.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, April 13th.

The latest official information concerning the military situation of Canton is that General Fan Sheng-shan, commander of the 10th Army, in compliance with the order of Marshal Li Tsai Hsin, is to move his troops up to Ichang and Lu-chow in the southern part of Hunan at the end of this month. General Fan and his soldiers will move into Hunan with the greatest reluctance, as they would prefer to remain in the northern part of Kwangtung which is a far richer and pleasanter district.

The 10th Army rendered an invaluable service to the Government in suppressing the Communists at Lok Chang and Yan Pa. The Communists had captured these two cities, and after partially looting and burning them, had set up a sort of a Soviet Government there. General Fan drove the Communists out and recaptured the lost territory. After these services, the General thought that he should continue to occupy the North River districts but General Wong Shiu Hung, supported by Marshal Li Tsai Hsin, would not agree, so he has to go.

General Fan Sheng-shan's Army numbers approximately ten thousand and is well equipped. Its monthly allowance by the Central Military Council is two hundred thousand dollars, but it has never collected more than \$150,000.

There has been of late considerable rivalry among the military generals in Canton concerning the appointment of territories. Each general is striving hard to have his own troops stationed in the richest part of the province and Marshal Li Tsai Hsin has been having a hard time in assigning territories to his subordinates. At present General Chen Tsai Tong is in control of Swatow and the Chiu Mui districts, General Chen Ming Shu in and around Canton and Foshan, General Hsu King Tong in the West River districts with his headquarters at Kongmoon, General Ho Chun Far in Pokhok. The latter is, however, to go to the Island of Hainan to exterminate the Communists and other outlaws there. The territory left vacant is rapidly being filled by the forces of Lieutenant-General Tsi Ting Kai of the 11th Army.

In order to lessen rivalry, General Wong Shiu Hung, with the approval of Marshal Li Tsai Hsin, has decided to promote Generals Chen Tsai Tong and Hsu King Tong to the command of the 4th and 8th Armies respectively. He has further decided to relegate General Tsi Ting Kai, the present commander of the 11th Army, to the position of the Vice-Commander of the same Army. Whether or not General Tsi will accept remains to be seen. According to those who know him best he will resign.

THE CURRENCY.

In place of the notes of the Central Bank of China in Canton, the Municipal Department of Public Finance have made the notes of the City Bank of Canton the legal tender for the payment of municipal dues and taxes. According to the City Bank, their notes will be redeemable at the Bank at par. So far the City Bank has only issued \$100,000 worth of notes. In addition to the issue of notes, the City Bank will undertake for the Municipality the issue of \$800,000 worth of city bonds repayable within the next 30 months, some \$20,000 to be repaid every month.

For a time the value of Kwangtung notes returned to 72 but the last quotation in Canton was only 62, while actually very few exchange shops would negotiate them for more than 30 per cent. of the face value.

The opening of more *malloos*, or horse-car roads in Canton, is making rich business a very flourishing one. According to the syndicates hiring out rickshaws to the coolies, more than 8,000 men from the Swatow districts are now in Canton engaged in this work.

Since March 15th, eight school inspectors, assisted by police officers in Canton, have been making a search of the City for unlicensed schools and unauthorized teachers with the power to close them down. The old system of Confucian instruction is now not wanted in Canton, and students have to attend the public schools or those inspected by the Municipal Department of Public Education.

OUR JAPANESE NAVAL VISITORS.

ENTERTAINED BY CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

AT HOME ON BOARD THE "NAGATO."

"THE SEED OF FRIENDSHIP GROWING."

"We Japanese are anxious to be friends with Great Britain and China. We, you and I, are both of the yellow race, and we cannot afford to be anything but friends. The Chinese in Hong Kong are living in absolute safety thanks to Great Britain, and I, on behalf of my Government, sincerely hope that the health and prosperity of Hong Kong and the Chinese in general will forever be of the best. Our fleet comes here with the sole intention of fostering a better feeling among ourselves, China and Great Britain," said Admiral Kato at the luncheon given in his and the Japanese Fleet's honour yesterday afternoon at the To Yuen Restaurant by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

Following the luncheon party, there was an "At Home" on board the H.I.J.M.S. *Nagato*. There were over thousand guests present and everyone was most cordially received, Japanese officers being stationed at every corner of the ship to guide visitors. Well laden tables were laid out on the main deck and a display of Japanese swordsmanship, jiu-jitsu, and other forms of the art of self-defence were included in the programme.

Everyone was delighted with the visit and the courtesy of the Japanese officers and men. Chinese and Europeans alike left the ship, expressing their delight at their reception, nothing having been forgotten to ensure the comfort and pleasure of the guests. Each person on stepping aboard was handed a miniature Japanese flag and the Union Jack and photographs of the *Nagato* at a buoy and while she was firing her huge 16-inch guns were also given as souvenirs.

The Japanese fleet will be leaving to-day for a cruise in Eastern waters.

THE LUNCHEON PARTY.

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce were hosts to the Japanese officers at a luncheon party given at To Yuen Restaurant, West Point, yesterday afternoon. The main hall of the building was most effectively decorated and several hundred covers were laid for the guests.

Mr. Li Yau Chuen presided and in proposing the toast of "The King, the Emperor of Japan and the Republic of China," said that it was indeed a great pleasure to him to welcome the visitors and to see them partaking of a humble meal with him and other Chinese members of the community.

"It was indeed a very real pleasure for the Chinese to see the Japanese fleet here in local waters, and their visit was significant of the cordial friendship which was being built up among China, Japan and Great Britain. We should all be friends, and I know that the Japanese and English Governments are and will always remain China's steadfast friends," added Mr. Li.

ADMIRAL KATO'S REPLY.

In his reply, Admiral Kato, who spoke in Japanese, said that the Japanese fleet had received overwhelming kindness both from the British and Chinese since they came here. It was a great joy for him to be here. He had been here several times before and the more he saw of Hong Kong, the better he liked the place and its people.

The Admiral added that the welcome which he and his colleagues had received was beyond his words to express and that he was sorry that he was going away, as he felt very happy here.

Kinship Of China And Japan.

Admiral Kato went on to say that China and Japan are very much alike. Both are of the yellow race and for that reason they should be friends. Japan, he said, has only one desire and that desire is to be friendly with all. Great Britain is the best friend of China, and that the Chinese living in Hong Kong are well protected was a sure sign of Great Britain's friendliness. Japan, the Admiral went on, is also the friend of China and Great Britain and it is to cement and nourish this friendship that the Japanese fleet was here.

Japan is deeply in sympathy with the Chinese and truly hope that what China is striving to-day will be achieved. The speaker said that he felt sure that Great Britain entertained the same sentiment toward China. "We are all friends and I feel no doubt that this friendship seed is taking root and will grow to a strong tree. Now my comrades of the Japanese Navy, one and all rise to you feet and drink to the health of our Chinese friends."

The toast was most enthusiastically honoured by the Japanese officers, one of whom shouted "Yam Sing" (drink to the late drop). Hosts and guests alike responded amid much cheering.

THE GUESTS.

Among the numerous guests present were: Admiral K. Kato, Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, Bart., Commodore J. L. Pearson, Rear-Admiral I. Okamoto, Rear-Admiral E. Hamano, Comdr. S. Matsuda, Comdr. T. Kamiyama, Comdr. K. Koga, Comdr. K. Somekawa, Comdr. N. Nakashima, Comdr. K. Aizawa, Eng.-Capt. K. Sekoma, Paymaster Capt. H. Miwa, Capt. H. Ichimura, Capt. Matsuhita, Surg.-Capt. T. Kabeshima, Capt. S. Kikuno, Capt. I. Ono, Comdr. H. Rogers, Capt. T. Hori, Lt.-Comdr. C. Caslon, the Hon. Sir Shou-sen Chow, Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Sir Henry Pollock, the Hon. Mr. W. A. L. Shenton, the Hon. Mr. B. A. C. North, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, C.B.E., Sir Joseph Kemp, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes.

Messrs. K. Kitazawa, K. Nakatani, C. Kawakita, S. Ogawa, T. Okamoto, G. Ide, M. Matsunaga, J. Abe, M. K. Lo, Wong Kwong Tin, Y. Murakami (Consul-General for Japan), Ho Kon Tong, T. N. Chan, H. Mori, H. Uyenura, M. Fujii, Y. Yoshimura and S. Oshima.

ON BOARD THE "NAGATO."

ENTERTAINMENTS FOR VISITORS.

Immediately after the luncheon at the To Yuen Restaurant, Admiral Kato, and the other Japanese officers and members of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce made their way to the *Nagato*, where an "At Home" was held.

The main deck and other parts of the ship were thronged with visitors and on the starboard side, several tables were laid out with Japanese and European dishes, cigarettes, wines and fruit for the guests to help themselves.

Japanese Self Defence.

On the portside of the deck, two stalwart Japanese sailors delighted the visitors with a display of the noble and ancient art of Japanese self-defence—jiu-jitsu. A large crowd watched and seated in deck chairs a number of European ladies, naval officers and civilians were also admiring the exhibition.

Following the jiu-jitsu experts two men, masked and protected with breast plates, took the ring. They gave a splendid exhibition of ancient Japanese fencing with long swords. The men were well matched and no hit was registered in the brisk bout so sure was the defence in each case.

An Efficient Band.

While this miniature battle was going on, the ship's band, under Bandmaster G. Fujisaki, gave a programme, all except one item, of Western music. Their playing excited general admiration and the selections were—

- 1.—March: "Pomp and Circumstance," Elgar.
- 2.—Overture: "Egmont," Beethoven.
- 3.—String Quartette: "Andante Cantabile," Tchaikowsky.
- 4.—Japanese Koto Music: "Kocho no mai."
- 5.—String Quartette: "Intermezzo," Mendelssohn.
- 6.—Fantasia: "Highland Scene," Moore.
- 7.—Selection: "Carmen," Bizet.

Operatic Play.

A stroll to the stern of the ship showed a temporary stage where Japanese sailors, dressed up in old fashioned Japanese attire, were giving a play. A number of European and Japanese ladies were deeply engrossed in the play entitled "Rain." Near by was a space devoted to handwork by the men in their spare time. In it were a huge lion made of straw, a cobra and an alligator, created out of worn out shoe leather.

Tour Round The Ship.

A tour-round the ship was then made. Immediately below the main deck were the officers' cabins, all extremely neat and well furnished. A little periscope is installed in every officer's room so that while in his cabin he can see what is happening on deck, and also what vessels are passing by.

The engine room is about 32 feet below the water level and is spotlessly clean. The men's quarters are spacious and well lighted.

The Galley.

In the galley there were picnics and *picnics* of *diago* (salted carrot) and *umi* (salted plums). These two items form the sailors' chief diet. In time of necessity a sailor or soldier can carry on with a few slices of salted carrot, a couple of plums and a bowl of rice a day. The average cost of a man's food is about eight cents a day.

Residents must have noticed during the last few days, that all Japanese sailors when ashore carried small parcels—their *Bento* boxes, which contained rice, salted carrot and some salt fish.

NAVAL OFFICER'S IMPRESSIONS.

PLEASED WITH FRIENDSHIP ACCORDED ON ALL SIDES.

When a *Daily Press* representative boarded the *Nagato* yesterday, he had the good fortune to gain across an old friend in the person of Commander Sato, and fully an hour was spent in exchanging experiences since they last met when the wistaria was in full bloom in Tokyo.

Talking about Hong Kong, Commander Sato said that he had made several visits here. He had greatly looked forward to this week and knew that the Japanese fleet would receive the traditional welcome and hospitality from Great Britain. They had been allies in war and by treaty and the good feeling remained and would always remain. He admitted that the very warm welcome from the Chinese had been a pleasant surprise to him.

"Personally, I have always liked the Chinese and admired their culture. Their art is wonderful and as for penmanship, the Japanese are nowhere near the Chinese."

"We have already communicated to our Government an account of the splendid time we have had here and I feel sure that our Government will greatly appreciate the honour done us. Before long, I think you, gentlemen of the press, will receive an official acknowledgment from Tokyo."

"Japan is anxious to be friends with China and with other powers, and I think that our visit here will do much to prove the sincerity of that wish."

"I have always found the British sailors and soldiers to be perfect gentlemen and most considerate to us. I have made many friends here and have a number of photographs taken with English people. I now look forward to the time when I shall be able to return to Hong Kong for a couple of weeks and renew my friendship with both the English and Chinese gentlemen."

When asked as to the number of men in his ship, Commander Sato said that there were 1,400 ratings, and about 100 officers. "No the ship is not too small for this large number of men. Why, we have men here who had been on the ship for about two years, and yet have never spoken to some of their shipmates."

Our representative and Commander Sato then *seked* and said *sayonara* to each other.

MARINE MINISTER'S THANKS.

TO GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

The following message from the Japanese Minister of Marine has been received by H.E. the Governor of Hong Kong: "Please accept my sincere thanks for the courtesy and hospitality so generously extended by Your Excellency, officials and people of Hong Kong to the officers and men of our First Fleet. I hope this visit will promote cordiality between our two nations."

ADMIRAL OKADA.

Minister of Marine.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR'S REPLY.

His Excellency has sent the following telegram in reply: "Minister of Marine, Tokyo. Thank you for your telegram."

The visit of the Japanese First Fleet to this Colony has given great pleasure to the Government and the people of Hong Kong. We share your hope that this visit will increase the friendship between our two nations; and we are glad to know that your fleet will return to Japan, as Admiral Kato said yesterday, with a great cargo of goodwill from Hong Kong.

JAPANESE CONSUL'S DINNER PARTY.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR'S TRIBUTE.

"COULD NOT HAVE HAD MORE PLEASANT VISITORS."

The memorable gatherings held this week in honour of the visit of the First Squadron of the Imperial Japanese Navy came to a close last evening when the Consul-General for Japan (Mr. Yoshiatsu Murakami) entertained a distinguished assembly of officers of the Japanese Fleet and members of the Hong Kong community to dinner in the Hong Kong Hotel.

The following were the guests: H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, H.E. Admiral Hiroharu Kato, K.C.M.G., C.V.O., H.I.H. Lieut. Asa-nakira Kuni, Admiral Sir R. Y. Tyrwhitt, Major-General C. C. Luard, Rear-Admiral Hamano, Rear-Admiral Okamoto, His Honour Sir Henry Gollan, Commodore J. W. Pearson, Capt. Hori, Capt. Matsushita, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Capt. Ichimura, Eng.-Capt. Ichiji, the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, the Hon. Sir Shou-sen Chow, Surg.-Capt. Kabeshima, the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, Paymaster-Capt. Miwa, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, Mr. H. Mori, Capt. J. B. Glenross, Comdr. Nagashima, His Honour Mr. J. R. Wood, Mr. M. J. Breen, Mr. Ip Lan Chun, Mr. J. Sakurai, Mr. Li Cho San, Mr. N. S. Brown, Lieut. J. A. S. Eccles, Mr. K. Nakatani, Capt. M. R. J. Maxwell-Scott, Lieut.-Comdr. R. G. Chichester, Mr. A. E. Wood, Comdr. Matsuda, Col. Clarke, Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. K. Kitazawa, Mr. Li Yick Moi, Comdr. J. B. Newill, Lieut.-Col. F. H. Bell, Capt. J. D. Nares, Comdr. Somekawa, Capt. G. Hopwood, Comdr. Sato, Mr. J. Kawa, Mr. B. E. Foster, Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. J. Yamanouchi, Mr. B. D. G. Beith, Capt. F. B. Bartlett, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Capt. Ono, Commodore L. W. Braithwaite, Capt. F. E. B. Haselock, Mr. S. Tsuchida, Lieut. C. W. P. Richardson, Mr. M. F. Key, Mr. M. Nonomura, Capt. A. J. L. White, Lieut.-Comdr. C. Caslon, Comdr. Aizawa, the Hon. Mr. W. A. L. Shenton, Capt. Kikuno, Mr. W. W. Hornell, Capt. W. H. Michell, Mr. C. A. S. Mackie, Mr. S. Takeuchi, Mr. W. E. Smith, Mr. Chau Yu Ting, Mr. Y. Sato, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Surg.-Capt. W. W. Keir, Col. Skinner, Mr. Li Yau Tsun, Engineer-Capt. Sekoma, Paymaster-Comdr. H. Rogers, Mr. H. Uemura, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Lieut.-Comdr. K. Shiroya, Mr. K. Kitayama, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. S. B. B. McEldey, the Hon. Mr. B. H. Kotewall, Comdr. Kamiyama, the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North and Mr. J. Abe.

The Consul-General for Japan (Mr. Y. Murakami) in proposing the toast of H.M. the King said that it gave him great pleasure to have the company of the leading and distinguished personages of Hong Kong and of Japan and to express his appreciation of the goodwill manifested towards Japan and her Navy by all sections of the Hong Kong community. In the firm belief that the close relationship between Great Britain and Japan would be strengthened more and more, therefore, he had the honour to propose the health of H.M. the King.

The toast was duly honoured, the band playing the National Anthem. H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) proposed the toast of "H.I.H. the Emperor of Japan."

His Excellency remarked that he spoke the mind of the whole Colony when he said that they could not have had more pleasant visitors than the First Japanese Fleet. (Applause.) He felt that the last word with respect to this visit had been spoken by Admiral Kato in his admirable speech on the previous evening when he said that the Japanese fleet came to Hong Kong as friends bearing message of goodwill from the Japanese nation and that they would carry back a great cargo of goodwill from Hong Kong. (Applause.)

Continuing, Sir Cecil said that he could not possibly improve upon these words and he would conclude by asking the assembly to drink the health of H.I.H. the Emperor of Japan.

While the toast was being honoured the Japanese National Anthem was played. The band of the flagship, *Nagato*, under the conductorship of Bandmaster G. Fujisaki admirably rendered selections during the evening. A most enjoyable dinner came to a close shortly after ten o'clock.

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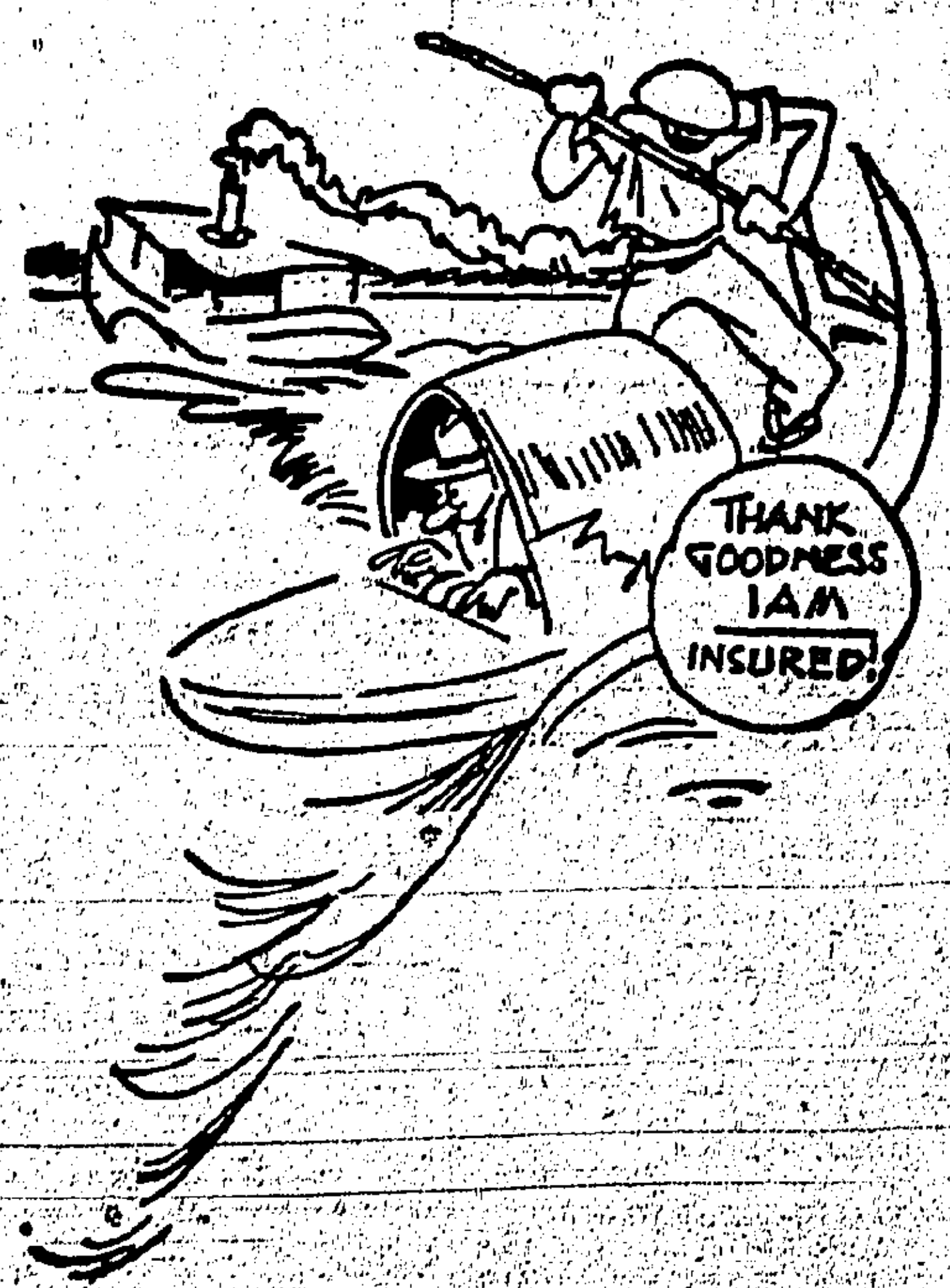
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF THE HONG KONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held in the Office of Messrs. BURNARD, TOMES & CO., 8, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 14th Day of APRIL, 1928, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended on the 31st DECEMBER, 1927, and of electing Directors and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 14th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
S. COURTNEY COOK, Secretary,
Hong Kong, 31st Mar., 1928. [6083]

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OF THE

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S. W. CHENG, Secretary.

INTIMATIONS.



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THE SANITARY BOARD wishes to draw the attention of the Public, and especially of those who have recently come to this Colony, to the possibility of acquiring Diseases, e.g., Typhoid and Typhoid Fever by eating of Uncooked Vegetables.
Chinese market-gardeners use manure from human sources and their custom is to pour the manure or spray it from watering-pots in liquid form over the growing plants.
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Secretary, SANITARY BOARD.

April, 1928. [6108]

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DEATH.

MOTTRAM.—On April 8th, at Shanghai, suddenly, JOHN MOTTRAM, Chinese Maritime Customs, aged 51.

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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, APRIL 14th, 1928.

GREAT BRITAIN AND EGYPT.

The recent efforts of the Egyptian Nationalists—the fifth since the close of the war—to gain their ends proved abortive, and we have had the usual disorderly demonstrations in Cairo, followed by a Note issued by the British Government. For some years the Egyptian Chamber has passed laws designed to weaken the authority of Britain in the country. The Note solemnly warned the Nationalists that this policy will not be tolerated. There are some competent observers in England who express doubts whether the points in dispute will ever be settled; but if nothing definite is achieved it will not be due to lack of goodwill and forbearance on the part of the British Government.

The problem of Egypt is of vital consequence to Britons in the East, for while there are many issues involved the one which must always be predominant is the maintenance of communications through the Suez Canal.
It may be recalled that on the four previous occasions when negotiations were taken up, three came to nothing—those of Lord Milner with the late ZAGHLOUL PASHA in 1900; those of Lord Curzon with ADLY PASHA YEKER in

1901; and those of Mr. RAMSAY MACDONALD again with ZAGHLOUL PASHA in 1924. Only one effort towards a settlement can be said to have attained a measure of success, that made by Mr. LLOYD GEORGE and Lord ALLENBY in 1922. It resulted in the famous Declaration of February in that year, and under this instrument the Protectorate was abolished, the independence of Egypt was recognised, and four contentious topics were reserved. These were Imperial communications, the protection of Egypt from foreign aggression, the protection of foreign interests in the country, and the British control of the Sudan.

ZAGHLOUL PASHA was in office, the idol of the Nationalists, until the murder of Sir LES STACE, when he resigned rather than face the demands of the British Government as a result of that crime. During his Premiership he tried to reopen the questions that had been pigeon-holed; and now SARWAT PASHA, until recently Premier, has boldly made a similar effort but has succeeded no better. The difficulty with which the Nationalists are faced in that complete independence as they desire it is impracticable. They might as well cry for the moon. Although the Protectorate was abolished and Egypt was proclaimed a sovereign State Great Britain has always declared in the most explicit terms that she will maintain control of the Canal. As to the Sudan, whoever holds the upper waters of the Nile holds Egypt, and has the life of Egypt in the hollow of his hand; and although nominally the Sudan is in the joint possession of Egypt and Great Britain, actually it is wholly controlled by Britain.

British responsibility for the protection of foreign interests is also set down in the Declaration in the clearest possible terms. It follows, therefore, that Britain has assumed the guardianship of the lives and property of foreigners in Egypt, and is bound to retain sufficient power to discharge the obligation.

Thus we come to the crux of the matter—the British Army in Egypt and what should be done with it. It is gall and wormwood to the Nationalists. At present the Army is in possession of the Egyptian capital and is at liberty to go anywhere else it likes, at any time, in Egypt. Under the recent draft Treaty the situation is to continue for ten years; and, unless it is modified by agreement, the League of Nations is to be called upon to adjudicate as to the position, or positions, the Army should occupy to discharge its essential duties. It should be stated that this last arrangement was regarded as a very great concession and SARWAT PASHA had to fight hard to obtain it, yet in the end the Nationalists rejected it as altogether insufficient.

The British answer to this uncompromising attitude was the Note of March 7th already referred to, warning Egypt that Britain cannot tolerate the passage of laws which would tend to endanger the maintenance of order and the protection of life and property. Such is the position. The most that can be hoped, we fear, is that the lesson which has been repeated again and again should be taken to heart—namely, that it is futile to enter upon negotiations until the effective leader of the Egyptian people is prepared to agree to the fundamental principles of British policy, of which the first is the maintenance in Egypt of a sufficient force to discharge the duties to which Great Britain is pledged.

One Chinese case of small-pox was reported on Thursday.

Mrs. Catherine Macpherson Troup, of Idelwith, Dingle-road, Boscobel, Bournemouth, widow of J. Troup, late H.M. Consul-General, Yokohama, who died recently, left £4,785.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Smith of Messrs. Whiteaway Laidlaw's left by the s.s. *Changite* for six months leave in Australia. During Mr. Smith's absence, Mr. J. V. Panizzi is in charge of the business.

The engagement is announced between George Dodsworth Butler, Asiatic Petroleum Company, Tientsin, and Gwendolen Mary, fourth daughter of Lieutenant-Commander and Mrs. J. May, of 29, Ranelagh-avenue, Hurlingham.

An armed robbery took place in a Chinese house at West Point early yesterday afternoon. Five men were concerned in the affair, and after intimidating the occupants, they got away with a small sum of money.

James Li, aged 34, the son of General Li Fu Lin, who has been adopted by Dr. W. W. Cadbury, a physician at the Lingnam University, Canton arrived at Liverpool in the *Celtic*. He is to be sent to an American school, and afterwards to an American University.

Two men called at No. 2 Posin Street, Bay View on the pretext of wishing to rent a cubicle. On gaining admission they overpowered and gagged a woman, who was the only person in the house, and ransacking the place they made off with money and clothing valued \$98.

The wedding of Miss Lina da Rocha and Mr. H. J. de Garcia is being celebrated at the Roman Catholic Cathedral this (Saturday) afternoon at 4 p.m. A reception will be held afterwards at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. da Rocha, "Fairview," Robinson Road, Hong Kong.

A Chinese woman who had been banished from the Colony in 1924 appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell for returning to the Colony before her time. The woman admitted the offence and said that she came back to ask for maintenance from her husband. She was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

A motor-lorry was proceeding along Garraigue Road in the direction of Hung Hom when a Chinese dashed across the road in front of the lorry. The driver was unable to pull up in time and the man was knocked down. He was removed to the Kowloon Hospital but died shortly after admission.

Mr. Eduardo Augusto da Silva, a member of the Portuguese community, passed away at the Kowloon Hospital on Thursday night, at the age of 46. Relatives of the deceased and many friends attended the funeral which took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon.

An interesting echo of the "franc case" is the announcement of the birth of a son and heir to Mr. Oliver Welby, who was married last year to Miss Barbara Gregory, eldest daughter of Mr. J. D. Gregory. Mr. Welby, who is in business in Java, where his son was born, is the heir of Sir Charles Welby, of Denton Manor, Grantham. The Welby baronetcy is an old one. The family dates back to 1100 A.D.

A presentation was made yesterday morning to Captain R. Innes, the former Marine Superintendent of the China Navigation Company by the wharfingers of the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company. The Chief Wharfinger, Mr. W. Edley handed the gift, a desk smoking outfit in plate glass and silver, to Captain Innes after paying tribute to the kindness with which the wharf staff had always experienced from him. Capt. Innes suitably replied.

PROPERTY SALE.

HOUSE AT NATHAN ROAD FETCHES \$25,500.

At Messrs. A. G. da Rocha & Co.'s auction room yesterday, a parcel of ground at Mongkok known as Section D of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1462 with the messuage thereon known as No. 568 Nathan Road, was put up for sale. The up-set price was \$25,000 and there being only a few bids, the property was knocked down to Mr. Poon Chik for \$25,500.

The property has an area of 2,420 square feet and carries a Crown rental of \$35 per annum.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.30 p.m., stated:—

The anti-cyclone has passed into the Pacific. Pressure is relatively low to the south of the Loochoos. Local Forecast:—Light westerly or variable winds, fair generally, with fog in the morning.

A 20 YEARS' WAIT.

MONEY-LENDER AND HIS DEBTORS.

SUMMARY COURT ORDER.

A Chinese named Pang Tai and his fourteen-year-old son, Pang Tong, were sued in the Summary Court yesterday before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood by Issar Singh, a money-lender. The plaintiff claimed \$933.20 from the two defendants under a promissory note, bearing their signatures.

The claim was admitted by the defendants, and in consenting to judgment made an application for the debt to be paid in instalments. His Lordship made an order for the father to pay at the rate of one dollar per month, the first payment to be made on May 1st this year. The son was ordered to pay one cent per year, commencing January 1st next year.

His Lordship asked plaintiff why he got the boy to sign the note. Plaintiff said that the boy was always in the shop and it was easy to trace the father through the son.

Plaintiff was censured for his act and warned against doing such a thing in future.

COUNTERFEIT TEN-CENT PIECES.

TRAM CONDUCTOR SENTENCED.

INSPECTOR'S FIND.

A conductor, employed by the Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd., was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell with having in his possession thirty-seven spurious ten-cent coins.

A Chinese Inspector of the Company boarded the car and in the course of his duty looked through the contents of the conductor's money bag. He found, set aside in one part of the bag, thirty-seven counterfeit ten-cent pieces. The Inspector then took the conductor to No. 2 Police Station.

The defendant stated that the coins were given to him by a man who boarded the car opposite Wing Lok Street.

The Magistrate remarked that the coins were a clever counterfeit, but a Tramway Company Inspector pointed out that their colour was bad and that with his experience he had no difficulty in distinguishing them from the genuine coin.

The Magistrate passed a sentence of four months' hard labour.

SHOPLIFTER PUNISHED.

MEMBER OF A GANG.

A Chinese appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday on a charge of the larceny of a roll of Chinese cloth from No. 301, Shanghai Street.

It was stated that the defendant and two others entered the shop and whilst they were examining the cloth the defendant was seen to conceal the roll under his long coat and walk out. He was later arrested by a Chinese constable. It was also stated that the defendant had refused to disclose the address of the men who had accompanied him to the shop.

The Magistrate passing a sentence of three months' hard labour remarked that the defendant was a member of a gang, and that it was an extreme pity that the other two men were not standing beside him.

PICKPOCKET CAUGHT.

COMPANIONS WANTED BY POLICE.

A Chinese pickpocket who is believed to be a member of a gang which operates in the districts around Yau-mat and Mongkok was charged before Mr. W. Schofield yesterday. The defendant was seen by a district watchman to mingle with the crowd in Shanghai Street.

He was observed using his hat as a shield and relieving another man of a purse and some papers.

The defendant was arrested and investigations were made by the Police to locate other confederates, but they could not be found.

A sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed.

THE HONAM BOMB MYSTERY.

SERIES OF SIMILAR INCIDENTS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, April 13th.

Mystery still surrounds the cause of the explosion in Honam, subsequent searches resulted in finding two days ago two bombs weighing 12 pounds each in a vacant house in Tso Fong, Honam. No arrests have been made, as no one was in the house at the time the detective entered. Questioning the householders nearby failed to reveal any clue as to how the bombs had got there.

It appears that the Communists throughout Kwangtung are trying to inaugurate another reign of terror. About two or three days ago three bomb explosions occurred in Waichow. One bomb exploded in a tea shop but fortunately it was only a smoke bomb and no one was killed, but the cashier and a few patrons were slightly injured by the terrific detonation. Investigation showed that the bomb was wrapped up in newspaper and carried into the tea shop by a young patron. After he had finished his tea, he lighted the fuse of the bomb and left the place hurriedly. Of the other two explosions one occurred in Chungshan Park and the other by the district Kuomintang building in Waichow. No one was killed, although the bombs were of a deadly nature. It is reported that many suspects have been arrested in Waichow.

In view of these widespread Communist activities Tang Shih Tang, Police Commissioner of Canton, has taken special precautionary measures for the protection of the city. In addition to an increased number of patrols on duty, the Commissioner has ordered a rechecking of the entire population of Canton by the police. If the name or the number of members of each family does not agree with the police record, they will be severely questioned and watched. The work was begun on the 9th and is expected to be completed to-morrow, Saturday.

THE BANVARD COMPANY.

THE BLACK BOTTOM REVUE.

The one night return visit of the Banvard Company had been looked forward to largely, and the Star Theatre was packed last night when they presented "The Black Bottom Revue," which was so good that it is hard to believe that the promised "Hors d'Oeuvres" could have been better. The likeness of three of the company prevented the carrying out of the original programme.

It is hard to pick out any item from a long and varied programme for special praise, for there is an unusual amount of talent in the Banvard Company, and they never attempt that is too hard for them. Miss Winifred Dallo was her usual delightful self, and we wished she had taken a bigger share. Her song with William Senior "Cross your Heart and her very clever dancing in "The Totem Dance" brought down the house. We did not think "Just to hold you," another duet with William Senior, quite so successful as for the first time Miss Dallo sang seriously, and that little note of mockery which has made her singing of sentimental songs so individual was missing.

Kathleen d'Arcy made one of the musical hits of the evening with her song "Jogging along the Highway"; the "Musical Comedy Burlesque" in which she played with Harrington Weeks was also an excellent and much applauded number.

"Hoses of To-day" by Elsie Lancaster and the girls was perhaps the prettiest item, both singing and costumes were charming. Two solo dances which evidently pleased all the audience were the "Yankee Dance" of Edna Ray who is almost acrobatic in her ease of movement and the very beautiful "Fan Dance" of Vivienne Towersey.

There were several good comic turns of which perhaps "Some Song" by Johnny and Victor Hagan and "Thursday Night" by John Hagan, Frank Atkinson and the Girls were the most popular. Two other unusual items deserve special mention. "Oh No John" delightfully sung by Elsie Lancaster and William Senior being an amusing piece of scenery through which they looked, and "The Past Master" the song of an old man reviewing his heyday by Harrington Weeks, Frank Atkinson and Chorus.

The whole show was good, and though it was a pot pourri of scenes from a number of plays it hung together as one sparkling whole and provided an excellent evening's entertainment. We hope that the Banvard Company will not forget Hong Kong next time they come our way, we certainly shall not forget them.

CHRISTIAN GENERAL ADVANCING TOWARDS CHIHILI.

CHIANG AND SUN COME TO GRIPS.
FIERCE FIGHTING ON SHANSI BORDER.

FENGTIENESE APPROACHING NIANGTSEKUAN PASS.

The report of the disaster to the Kuomintang, involving possibly the fall of Haichow even, seems to have been an unfounded rumour, for not even Northern reports lay claim to anything of the sort. On the other hand, everything seems to point to heavy fighting near the Shantung border with little advantage to either side, though the Nationalists appear to have met with some success. Marshal Sun Chuan Fang has moved up to the front to conduct the Shantung operations in person.

Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang, the Christian General, is making steady progress in Northern Honan, and is actually moving against Changte. His attack upon Taming is far nearer realisation than it was a day or two ago. Marshal Feng is extending his army eastward to link up with the troops of Marshal Chiang Kai Shek.

There has been fierce fighting just west of Tsingsing on the Tsingting-Taiyuan Railway, near the Shansi border. General Yen Shih Shan, the Shansi Commander-in-Chief, claims that, in spite of many furious attacks, the Fengtienese have been unable to gain any advantage, while they have suffered heavy casualties.

The Fengtienese themselves, in a report to Peking, state that they have taken Shifashan, and are advancing towards the Niangtsekwun Pass.

CHRISTIAN GENERAL'S ADVANCE.

(Wah Ts Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, April 13th.
Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang claims that his forces are continuing their push toward Southern Chihili. They have gained a material success at the Chengho River. Three divisions have been despatched to attack Changte, while the central column is advancing to the north of Fenglochung, which was previously reported to have fallen into the hands of the Northerners.

CO-OPERATION WITH CHIANG.

(Wah Ts Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, April 13th.
Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang ordered an advance on the night of the 9th inst. in the direction of eastern Honan for the purpose of co-operating with Marshal Chiang Kai Shek.

SUCCESS ON SHANTUNG BORDER.

(Wah Ts Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, April 13th.
A reliable report states that Marshal Chiang Kai Shek succeeded in capturing Hengchong yesterday afternoon. His forces are moving further north to attack Lincheng, with two armoured cars running ahead as a vanguard.

SEVERE FIGHTING.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

HAICHOW, April 12th.
As a result of the Nanking Nationalist Army having begun operations against the Northerners yesterday, severe fighting is taking place in this vicinity and in the region of Haichow.

COMMANDER ABSCONDS.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

CHINKIANG, April 12th.
A report has been received to the effect that the local Military Commander has absconded, taking with him the sum of \$30,000. Small movements of troops are reported.

TRAGIC ACCIDENT AT INSPECTION.

SOLDIER'S RIFLE DISCHARGED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MILAN, April 13th.
During a military inspection at the Carboccio Barracks a soldier was holding a rifle between his knees while adjusting his belt. The weapon discharged into a group of soldiers, killing two and injuring three.

FURIOUS NORTHERN ATTACKS.

(Wah Ts Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, April 13th.
General Yen Shih Shan's headquarters reported yesterday that the Fengtienese in the Tsingting-Taiyuan Railway zone are still continuing their attacks on the Shansi defence line with equal vigour. General Wan Fu Lun, a Fengtienese leader, is directing operations at Meisuchen, west of Tsingsing. Severe encounters occurred during the last two days at Munchiaichong, Yuengchong and Nanjenchong, all around Tsingsing. As a result the Fengtienese have gained no advantage, while they have suffered heavy casualties.

There has been intermittent firing in Northern and Eastern Shansi.

PRESSURE ON SHANSI TROOPS.

(Wah Ts Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, April 13th.
The 16th and 17th Armies of Fengtienese have claimed, in a report to Peking, that they have taken Shifashan and are advancing toward the Niangtsekwun Pass.

FIERCE FIGHTING IN SHANTUNG.

(Wah Ts Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, April 13th.
Fighting in western Shantung is progressing fiercely, the Northerners are attacking the Southerners from four directions. Marshal Sun Chuan Fang is going to the front to direct operations personally on the 14th inst.

MONEY NEEDED.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

ICHANG, April 12th.
Marshal Wei Yi Shan, who is leaving here, has hopes of obtaining half a million dollars from the local merchants before his departure, but it is doubtful if his hopes will be realised as General Yang Sen raised \$300,000 when he left in the middle of January.

DUTCH OIL CONTRACT. EXPLOITATION OF PALEM-BANG.

PARLIAMENT'S SANCTION ASKED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE HAGUE, April 13th.
The Government has submitted a Bill asking for Parliamentary authorisation for the conclusion of a contract with the Bataafsche Olie Compagny for the exploration and exploitation of petroleum in four fields in the Palembang Residency. One is in the South Borneo, and one in the East Borneo Residency, while two are in Atjeh.

ATLANTIC FLIGHT.

"BREMEN'S" PROGRESS.

BAD WEATHER REPORTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 12th.
The German trans-Atlantic flyers were last seen 88 miles due west of Ireland, dead on their course.

A Gale By Night.

WASHINGTON, April 12th.
The latest bulletins issued by the Weather Bureau indicate that the Bremen will probably encounter strong winds in the West Atlantic, assuming gale proportions to-night.

No News.

LONDON, April 13th.
There was no news of the Bremen at 10.30 this morning. The aeroplane was last sighted at sea at 3.30 yesterday afternoon.

Weather reports from the Atlantic are adverse. The *Majestic*, one day out from Southampton, has sent a wireless message that a heavy head-wind has developed, quite strong enough to effect the fliers seriously.

The Bremen has no wireless and no life-saving appliances. Rations consist of eighteen beef sandwiches, six oranges, six bananas, chocolate and nine tins of beef-tea, tea and coffee.

LADY'S LONG FLIGHT. MEDITERRANEAN RISKS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 12th.
Lady Heath, who is attempting a flight from Capetown to England, and from whom the Royal Air Force authorities at Cairo have hitherto withheld facilities for a flight across the Mediterranean, on the ground that she lacked the experience to cross alone, has now been allowed to proceed.

She has been informed, however, that she makes the Mediterranean crossing on her own responsibility, and has been warned of the risks involved.

ABOLITION OF WAR. U.S. PROPOSAL TO JAPAN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, April 13th.
The American Ambassador has called on the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs and presented a formal proposal for a No War Pact.

COINERS IN INDIA. LIVERPOOL TEACHER'S HEAVY SENTENCE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

KARACHI, April 12th.
After a two months' trial on a charge of conspiracy to obtain "die to coin the King's money," Edmund Clarence Wheeler, a Liverpool schoolmaster, who was extradited from England last July, has been sentenced to four and a half years' rigorous imprisonment.

Dickinson, who according to Wheeler, asked him to have dies of the rupee made, which he believed would be used to stamp cakes of soap, was sentenced to two years' rigorous imprisonment.

Four Mohammedans who were also accused received sentences of imprisonment ranging from seven years to two years and fines of a thousand rupees or an additional years' imprisonment in each case.

NEW MINISTER TO ALBANIA. APPOINTMENT OF SIR R. M. HODGSON.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 12th.
His Majesty the King has approved the appointment of Sir Robert MacLeod Hodgson as Minister to Durazzo, Albania.

(Sir Robert MacLeod Hodgson, K.C.B., C.M.G., was formerly H.M. Charge d'Affaires at Moscow. Previously he was Vice-Consul at Marseilles and later at Vladivostok. He was a Counsellor in H.M. Commercial Diplomatic Service in 1919, and from 1921 to 1924 was the British Agent in Russia.)

ADMIRALTY APPOINTMENTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 12th.
The Admiralty announces that Admiral Sir Sydney Freemantle has been placed on the retired list at his own request.

Vice-Admiral Sir F. L. Field has been promoted Admiral. Rear-Admiral Eustace Fownell and Captain C. Campbell, V.C., have been promoted Vice-Admiral and Rear-Admiral respectively. Both the latter are placed on the retired list as from April 6th.

MANY RUMOURS.

SOVIET MONEY FROM SHANGHAI?

SITUATION IN HAND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, April 13th.

The *Fumieri* reports that investigations have revealed that funds were supplied to the extremists from the Soviet Trade Commission in Shanghai and other sources. The report, however, cannot be confirmed and should be treated with reserve.

The *Fumieri's* proprietor, however, is a former police official and consequently generally well informed in police affairs.

The other, vernacular papers report that during domiciliary searches, telegraphic despatches from Katayama, the noted Japanese Communist in Moscow, were discovered, showing that Katayama was behind the intrigue. The reports also cannot be confirmed.

More Arrests.

Meantime arrests continue. About a dozen members of the Labour League Council, which was recently dissolved, were seized last night while they were holding a secret conference; others were arrested at Kyoto.

It is indicative that the country does not consider that the recent revelations call for any alarm that the Press, though censuring the extremists, is remarkably calm in its comments.

Extremist Intrigues.

TOKYO, April 13th.
The police have frustrated a second attempt to reform the Ronote by breaking up a meeting. Meantime the authorities, who have been endeavouring to gauge the exact extent of Communist penetration in factories and the establishment of "cells," are relieved to find that they have made no apparent headway in Government factories, except the Naval Arsenal at Masuzuru, where 8 or 9 hands have been arrested in connection with the Communist round up.

OPIUM TRAFFIC.

LEAGUE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATES.

ITALIAN MEMORANDUM.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, April 12th.
The Advisory Committee of the League on the traffic in opium and other dangerous drugs opened the eleventh session publicly. In the course of a discussion on Chinese seizures Mr. Chao said he regretted that the Chinese Government desired to furnish a full and prompt report.

Sir Malcolm Delevingue urged the prompt communication of such returns, and the Japanese delegate suggested that a copy of the Chinese returns should be communicated simultaneously to the Japanese Minister in Peking.

Mr. Chao asked that a similar procedure should be applied with regard to seizures in Japan. Sir John Campbell, the Indian representative, reminded the Committee that Government control of narcotics had existed for many years in India.

Sir Malcolm Delevingue expressed disappointment at some of the replies by Governments on the resolution dealing with the leakage of drugs into illicit traffic.

The main question to be dealt with will be a memorandum submitted by Mr. Cavazzoni, the Italian delegate, which contends that despite the fact the Council Assembly has adopted over a hundred resolutions, illicit traffic had increased, and therefore the methods hitherto pursued could produce no results.

The memorandum advocates a uniform method and agreement on a plan of action for the application of the principles of the Hague and Geneva Conventions. The memorandum provides for extremely rigorous enforcement of control and an obligation to give an account of the quantities formerly imported or removed from the factory before new authorisation is obtained.

It provides for supervision of the introduction of raw materials into factories by special registers. Government inspection measures to prevent the forging of certificates, and rewards for seizures and information leading to the seizure of narcotics circulating without Government authorisation.

Colonial Approval.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]
OTTAWA, April 13th.
The Commons have approved the Geneva Opium Convention. Protocol.

END OF GREAT FLIGHT.

FRENCH AIRMEN'S LAST STAGE.

GREAT RECEPTION PREPARED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, April 13th.

Everything is ready to give a rousing welcome to Costes and Lebriz. They are expected to reach Paris on Saturday afternoon. They will be officially received by several Ministers and authorities and will be presented to the Premier, M. Poincaré, and President Doumergue.

ALEPPO, April 13th.

Costes and Lebriz arrived here at 5 o'clock. Costes and Lebriz left Aleppo at 5 o'clock. They expect to reach Rome to-morrow morning and Paris in the evening.

ANGLO-AMERICAN COMBINE.

TO DIRECT INVESTMENT.

SIR A. MOND CHAIRMAN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 12th.
What is described as a "gigantic combine of financiers" has been formed, entitled the Finance Company of Great Britain and America, registered with a nominal capital of \$2,000,000, held in equal proportions by the Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. and the Chase Securities Corporation of New York.

Sir Alfred Mond, who is the chairman, states that the American Committee is, probably, unique in history, the financial corporations including the most important leaders of finance and industry. He declared that the new corporation would facilitate commercial and industrial finance of the British Empire, Europe and the United States.

\$2,000,000 Capital.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, April 12th.
Sir Alfred Mond announced this afternoon the formation of a big combine of British and American financiers and industrialists.

The new Company has been registered with a nominal capital of \$2,000,000, divided into two million ordinary £1 shares and 800,000 deferred shares of one shilling.

The ordinary capital will be held in equal proportions by the Imperial Chemical Industries Company of this country and the Chase Securities Corporation of New York.

Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors will include Sir Alfred Mond, who will be Chairman; Sir Harry McGowan, will be Deputy Chairman; Mr. Albert Wiggan, President of Chase National Bank of America; the Marquess of Reading; Lord Colwyn; Mr. Clarence Graft; and Mr. James Gannon, Vice-President of the Chase National Bank. The two last-named will act as joint Managing Directors on behalf of American shareholders.

An American Committee has also been formed to act in consultation and co-operation with the British Directors.

Brains Of Both Countries.

It is pointed out that an increasing volume of capital investments by American interests of the United States and on the Continent of Europe has been a new feature since the war, and a desire to direct this into the most profitable channels has led to the idea of systematic and continuous co-operation of the leading financial and industrial brains of both countries for development of industries already established or of new ideas.

DIRECTORATE OF POSTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, April 13th.
M. Picard Destelan, the Co-Director-General of Posts, arrived at Nanking on April 8th and assumed office of co-Director-General of the Southern Directorate-General of Posts at Nanking. He is holding the offices concurrently.

After signing all agreements he returned to Peking this morning.

CARNEGIE GIFT TO ESTHONIA.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]
TALLINN, April 12th.
The Carnegie Foundation has donated to the Esthonia Scientific Library about a thousand volumes dealing principally with American history and civilisation.

COTTON COMBINE.

BIG ANNUAL SAVING.

LOWER PRODUCTION COSTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, April 13th.

The Cotton Yarn Association has made a statement with reference to the proposed combine of mills of the American Section of the Spinning Industry.

It is estimated that at least \$130,000 sterling, or £2,500 sterling per mill, can be saved annually in costs of production.

The estimate is based on a combination of twenty mills. Savings would be effected in overhead salaries, fees, lower cost of cotton by bulk purchases and increased selling efficiency.

GIBRALTAR COAL STRIKE ENDS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GIBRALTAR, April 12th.

The coal strike which has been in operation here has ended.

U.S. STOCK EXCHANGE.

FRANTIC ACTIVITY.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, April 12th.
Transactions moved at a record breaking rate on the Stock Exchange and were accompanied by every symptom of speculative excitement. The renewal of a bull market in high prices in industrial shares was quickly forestalled. Many early gains of from three to twelve dollars a share were wiped out or converted sharply into losses. United States Steel rose from below 150 to 151, and General Motors closed at a fraction lower. Radio Corporation shares showed a net loss of 7.50.

SAXON LOCK OUT.

METAL WORKERS' ACTION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, April 13th.
A quarter of a million metal workers in Saxony have been locked out owing to 20,000 striking. Official efforts are being made to settle the dispute.

CONDITION UNCHANGED.

LORD TREMATON VERY WEAK.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, April 12th.
This morning's bulletin regarding Lord Trematon states that his condition is unchanged. He is still too weak for the transfusion of blood, which the doctors have contemplated.

PRINCESS MARY VISITS BETHLEHEM.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, April 13th.
Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles, who arrived at Jerusalem yesterday, went this morning to Bethlehem and visited the Church of the Nativity.

UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, April 12th.
The official return shows that on April 2nd, 1,041,900 persons were unemployed. This is a slight increase of 855 following a considerable diminution during the last few weeks. The figure given is 31,859 less than a year ago.

MUNIFICENT AFGHAN GIFT.

MANUSCRIPTS WRITTEN WITH FINGERNAIL.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA, April 12th.
What is regarded as the finest specimen of Persian handwriting in existence, has been presented to King George by the King of Afghanistan through the Afghan Minister in London. This manuscript was written 800 years ago on milky, white paper made from bamboo as anciently used in the East. The writer used the pointed nail of the index finger of his right hand to write the fifty or more pages in which every stroke and curve is perfect. The work occupied five years.

Two other ancient manuscripts accompany the gift. One is a treatise on horses written in gold in Persian characters and the other, also written in gold, is a masterpiece of Arabic handwriting comprising Moslem prayers.

MILAN BOMB OUTRAGE.

ATTEMPT ON KING'S LIFE.

MUSSOLINI'S ESCAPE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MILAN, April 12th.

Panic followed the explosion of the bomb which killed 14 and injured 40 in Milan. The cries of terror mingled with the shrieks of agony of the victims. The spectacle was a terrible one, many horribly mutilated bodies lying in all directions. The explosion occurred only 10 minutes before the arrival of the Royal procession.

The King probably owed his life to the fact that he went directly to the Fair from the station instead of following the plan published in the newspapers.

It is believed that the clockwork bomb was placed in a street lamp opposite to the entrance to the Fair. It was timed to explode when the King reached the gates. The square was crowded and people near the lamp-post were blown to pieces.

Mutilated Victims.

One girl's head was entirely severed while a Fascist Boy Scout was shockingly mutilated. The bodies were laid out in the Fair grounds, the sombre spectacle contrasting sharply with the gala decorations. The victims included five Alpine troops which were lining the route.

Most of the victims of the bomb outrage were women and children. Those standing near the fatal lamp-post were blown to pieces. It was fragments of the lamp-post which were principally responsible for the terrible slaughter.

The Prefect of Milan has instituted an inquiry with a view to discovering the bombing miscreants. Many detectives have been sent to Milan from Rome and the Mayor of Milan has placed at the disposal of the Police one hundred thousand lire for anyone giving information leading to the discovery of those responsible for the bomb outrage.

Concealed In Lamp Post.

The bomb was concealed on the lamp-post and exploded ten minutes before the passage of the Royal procession which continued on its way. After the inauguration of the Fair the King visited the hospital and spoke to victims of the outrage. The crowds delightedly cheered the King at the conclusion of the latter's visit to the hospital to see those who had been injured.

Famous Annual Fair.

The Fair at Milan is held annually under the name of the "International Sample Fair" in permanent buildings on the outskirts of the town. It remains open for several weeks and is one of the greatest of its kind held on the Continent.

It is almost comparable with the Leipzig Fair in importance and attracts visitors from all over the world. King Victor Emmanuel has made a practice of opening it for some time.

Attempt On Mussolini.

LUIGANO, April 12th.
A message from Como states that a powerful bomb was found on the railway line over which Mussolini's train had to pass on his return to Rome.

Attached to the infernal machine was a thread, the other end of which was held by a man hiding near the railway track. The man has been arrested.

Disguised Criminals.

MILAN, April 13th.
A hundred arrests, mostly of a precautionary nature, have been made in connection with the bomb outrage.

All lamp standards have a small opening about a yard from the ground, used for the inspection of cables. It is believed that the criminals, disguised as workmen pretending to effect repairs, comfortably placed the bomb at the base of the lamp standard.

The outrage is variously attributed to anti-Fascist and anarchist. Elaborate measures are being taken to prevent excitable Fascists from venting their rage on supposed criminals.

Defence Commission.

ROME, April 12th.
The Tribunal for National Defence has sent a Commission to Milan, headed by General Bolzano, the Army Advocate General, and Colonel Marconi, chief of the Information Section of the Tribunal.

Nuns And Children Killed.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

K.O.S.B.'S FINAL MATCH OF THE SEASON.

The following games are down for decision to-day:—
HONG KONG F.A. CHALLENGE SHIELD.

Junior: Re-play.
 St. Joseph's v. China Athletic Reserves, H.K.F.C. ground, 2.45 p.m. Referee: Mr. J. W. Baldwin.

HONG KONG LEAGUE.

Division I.

Kick-off at 5 p.m.

Hong Kong Police v. Hong Kong F.C., H.K.F.C. ground. Referee: Capt. A. W. Austin, M.C., M.M.

Kowloon F.C. v. China Athletic, Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. F. Smith.

K.O.S.B.s v. Club de Recreio, Sookunpoo ground. Referee: Mr. Willis.

A good crowd is expected to witness the re-play in the Junior Shield between the Athletic Reserves and St. Joseph's on the H.K.F.C. ground. Last week, after extra time, the score was two goals all. St. Joseph's took the lead twice but failed to keep it.

Both teams had been at practice during the week and a good game should be seen. The Athletic expect to win, but the College will give them a good game.

The crowd will be on Railway ground at Kowloon where the Athletic senior team is due to meet Kowloon in the Senior League. The game should attract a large following. This is the first meeting of these teams this season and the game to-day is a re-arrangement of the fixtures. The Athletic are sending over a strong team and Kowloon will have to go all out to retain their run of successes.

On the H.K.F.C. ground, the Police receive the Club in their return game. Neither team has any further interest in the League this season, but these teams always put up a good fight when they meet. The Police appear the better team at present and should win.

At Sookunpoo, the K.O.S.B.s close their season with a game against last season's champions. The Recreio have not done great things this season, but are expected to extend the K.O.S.B.s to-day. The Recreio may be a little stale owing to recent games. A win for the K.O.S.B.s will place them in the runners-up position. This is the last of the K.O.S.B.s. fixtures this season.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE SCOTTISH CUP.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—As a keen follower of Scottish football, and a strong supporter of the Rangers, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the Rangers have won the Scottish Cup on three occasions, apart from when the Cup was withheld when Rangers and Celtic were the finalists in 1909-9, and not only once as stated in your paper.

For your information I give below the other dates when the Rangers won the Scottish Cup.

1896-97 1897-98 1902-03

I shall be obliged if you will kindly have the above inserted in your next issue, for the benefit of other keen followers of Soccer.—Yours, sincerely,

A. RANGER.

SACRED HEART COLLEGE SPORTS.

The Sacred Heart College will hold their fourth annual athletic sports on the Club de Recreio ground to-morrow (Sunday). There will be 30 events and special features are the 50 yards ladies' race open to the Colony, the half-mile race open to the Colony, the 440 yards race open to the Navy, and several other events open to the members of the Catholic Young Men's Society and the 220 yards race open to the boys. Many handsome prizes have been donated to the College and are now exhibited at the Sincere Co. (Yaumati).

The Registrar of the Hong Kong University will distribute the prizes to the successful competitors at 4 p.m.

LAWN TENNIS.

HONDA WINS EASILY.

E. F. FINCHER AGAIN SUCCESSFUL.

Further play took place in the Hong Kong Cricket Club Tournament yesterday. A large crowd turned up to watch T. Honda play his compatriot T. Isomura in the fourth round of the Open Singles, but the ex-champion soon demonstrated his superiority and won in straight sets.

A better match was seen in the same event between E. C. Fincher and H. Yoshida, which resulted in a win for the former, as expected. Yoshida, however, gave his opponent a very good run and snatched the opening set. After that Fincher had control of the game and took the next three sets. In the last set Yoshida pulled up from 5-2 down to 5 all, but that was his final effort. Fincher finishing the match by taking the next two games. Fincher now meets Honda in the semi-final.

In the third round of the same event, Major Stevenson met and defeated the Very Rev. A. Swann in straight sets and thus qualified to meet S. A. Rumjahn.

Yesterday's results were as follows:—

Open Singles:

4th Round:—T. Honda beat T. Isomura, 6-3, 6-2, 6-0; E. C. Fincher beat H. Yoshida, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 7-5.

3rd Round:—Major W. B. Stevenson beat Very Rev. A. Swann, 6-1, 6-4, 6-3.

Handicap Singles "A."

Capt. E. H. J. Larkcom (rec. 4/6) beat G. F. H. Bichard (rec. 2/6) 6-4, 6-0.

Handicap Doubles.

A. D. Humphreys and G. R. Sayer (owe 15/1) beat H. V. Parker and O. J. Shannon (rec. 5/6) 8-6, 6-8.

FENDER AGAIN TO CAPTAIN SURREY.

FOR THE EIGHTH SUCCESSIVE SEASON.

The Surrey County Cricket Club has informed the *Evening Standard* that Mr. P. G. H. Fender has been invited to captain the Surrey team for the coming season and has accepted the invitation.

This announcement will decide a question which has been the subject of many rumours during the last week or two.

It had been suggested that D. R. Jardine, who is mentioned in some quarters as a possible leader of the English team which is to visit Australia at the end of the summer, might be asked to act as skipper of the Surrey team this season with a view to gaining experience in captaincy.

Mr. Fender has led the Surrey team since 1921, and his methods have made him very popular with the Oval crowd and gained him the reputation of being one of the most astute captains in the game.

His clever handling of the somewhat moderate Surrey bowling has been a notable feature of his leadership.

DR. J. H. SHAKESPEARE.

DEATH OF A FAMOUS BAPTIST MINISTER.

London, March 12th.

The Rev. Dr. John Howard Shakespeare, who from 1898 to 1924 was secretary to the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, died at his home at Finchley last night in his seventy-first year.

He had proved himself a master mind in the Baptist Union, and had stimulated by his organising genius the provision of headquarters in Southampt-on-row and the raising of the sustentation fund of £250,000, which secured a living wage to all Baptist pastors.

Mr. Shakespeare, who was born at Malton, Yorkshire, was also largely responsible for the establishment of the Baptist Women's League, the United Navy, Army, and Air Force Board, and the Baptist World Alliance.

His son, Mr. J. H. Shakespeare, was private secretary to Mr. Lloyd George from 1921-1923.

Mr. William East, the professional adviser to the Cambridge crew and proprietor of a Richmond hotel, has received from Prince Chichibu of Japan a pair of gold cuff links bearing the Imperial crest. When the Prince was in England Mr. East taught him to scull, and on leaving asked Mr. East to have a boat built for him and sent out to Tokyo. Mr. East has fathered the Cambridge crew ever since anyone can remember, and himself retired from rowing in 1903, an undefeated champion.

GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 15th.

9.34 a.m.	M. H. Turner and A. B. Kaworta.
9.38 "	A. J. Ferguson and E. D. Black.
9.39 "	T. L. Christie and J. H. Maikes.
9.36 "	Major Lynch and R. M. Finlayson.
9.40 "	A. Leach and A. E. Lissaman.
9.44 "	S. P. Arthur and E. C. Frederick.
9.48 "	O. E. C. Marton and T. G. Bennett.
9.52 "	H. A. Lammert and R. Warbrick.
9.53 "	F. G. Fowle and B. P. MacMahon.
10.00 "	D. J. Gilmore and G. B. Dunnett.
10.04 "	J. Cameron and R. A. Green.
10.06 "	E. R. Hallifax and A. N. Other.
10.12 "	W. A. Butterfield and E. D. Lawrence.
10.16 "	E. C. F. Wynn and J. MacDonald.
10.20 "	B. J. Leach and E. Abraham.
10.24 "	P. J. Wedehouse and H. Rogers.
10.28 "	J. S. Dykes and X. Matthews.
10.32 "	A. Brearley and V. M. Grayburn.
10.36 "	J. M. Norrie and M. G. Mills.
10.40 "	C. R. Riggs and W. N. Fleming.
10.44 "	D. J. Valentine and W. K. Duncombe.
10.48 "	E. Davidson and G. Davidson.
10.52 "	D. Beath and R. P. Moodie.
10.56 "	J. H. Ashworth and F. H. Swayne.
11.00 "	D. M. Goodall and W. A. Weight.
11.04 "	R. Cox and W. K. Tait.
11.08 "	I. E. L. Mackay and L. R. Andrews.

FANTASTIC NOVEL BY H. G. WELLS.

RETURNING TO HIS FIRST LOVE IN HIS NEW WORK.

Paris, March 8th.
 Mr. H. G. Wells, who is wintering at his villa near Grasse (not far from Nice), is writing a novel which will appear in the course of two or three months.

Mr. Lee Miskin states in the *New York Tribune* (Paris edition) that the novelist told him that in this work he has deserted sociological subjects for the fantastic—the style of "The Island of Dr. Moreau" and "The War of the Worlds."—*Central News*.

The news that Mr. Wells is going back to the novel of fantastic imagination will excite a world-wide public, for it was by this kind of fiction that he created for himself an international reputation. It is still chiefly by virtue of it that he holds his large following on the Continent to-day.

A Famous Series.

He will be going back to his first love, "The Time Machine," where he imagined an invention by which it was possible to move at will from time present to time past, was his first novel. It was published in 1895.

In the same year came "The Wonderful Visit"—the wonderful visitor being an angel—followed in the next year by the weird "Island of Doctor Moreau." "The Invisible Man," in 1897, was a far-fetched romance of a man whose body had been rendered invisible, and who was obliged to go naked, because otherwise he appeared as an uninhabited suit of clothes walking about.

Then came the most famous series, what might be called novels of prophetic imagination: "The War of the Worlds" (1898), "The Sleeper Wakes" (1899), "The First Men in the Moon" (1901), and "The Food of the Gods" (1904). These novels, by their combination of fertile invention with dramatic and exciting narrative power, brought an immense enlargement of his public.

BANDITS IN PERAK.

MINERS HELD UP BY ARMED GANG.

Iron, April 8th.
 An amazing story of the robbery of \$5,500 from the pay table of a mining kongsi was told in the Supreme Court.

Whilst the manager and three others were counting money to pay over 100 coolies assembled outside four men suddenly appeared in the room.

They levelled a revolver at the men who were told to put their hands up and calmly pocketed the cash and vanished. A roar of alarm caused the enraged coolies to give chase, but they were driven back by shots.

The next day the police arrested one man with a revolver and ammunition.

Mr. Justice Thorne sentenced the accused to four years' rigorous imprisonment.—*Straits Times*.

MACAO RACES.

SELECTION FOR TO-MORROW.

[BY EARLY BIRD.]

Sports of a high standard should be provided at the meeting of the Macao Race Club to-morrow (Sunday). The first saddling bell will be rung at 12.45 p.m. and the first race will commence at 1.15 p.m. sharp.

Quite a number of Hong Kong jockeys have signified their intention of riding on Sunday, included amongst them being Messrs. Reidy, Charles, Harriman, Clark, Morgan, Usher, Roza, Rocha, Wong, Proulx, Dr. S. To Wong, Liang, Botelho, Backhouse, and last but not least Mr. Sewell who, despite the fact that he is a good rider, is seen very rarely in the saddle.

In the absence of any definite news regarding the other candidates entered at the meeting I shall have to ask my readers to be wary and not to plunge too heavily on the selections given below. It must be borne in mind that it is a difficult proposition to spot the probable winners of races in Macao from Hong Kong.

My selections are as follows:—

1st Race.

1. Ullswater.
2. Easter Day.
3. Spring Day.

2nd Race.

1. Chemical.
2. Wuchang.
3. Macao Beauty.

3rd Race.

1. Iron General.
2. Castle.
3. Zircon.

4th Race.

1. Velox.
2. Max.
3. Silver Mine.

5th Race.

1. Ma Kau Sinc.
2. Chemical.
3. Chow Tze Lon.

6th Race.

1. Little River.
2. Waichow.
3. Red Leaves.

7th Race.

1. Wild Fellow.
2. Wuchang.
3. Warlordship.

8th Race.

1. Ullswater.
2. Little River.
3. Sunning.

MAKERS OF FORTUNES CHEERED.

FESTIVE AIR AT THE MEETING OF COURTAULDS.

Shareholders from every part of England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales gathered in the Great Hall at the Cannon-street Hotel to listen to the speech of Mr. Samuel Courtauld, chairman of Courtaulds (Ltd.), the greatest artificial silk company in the world, which recently created scenes of wild excitement on the Stock Exchange with its announcement of a 25 per cent. dividend and a share bonus of 100 per cent.

Scores of women were present. Bright dresses and hats gave splashes of colour among the black morning coats of City men. The whole meeting cheered and cheered again when Mr. Samuel Courtauld and the rest of the board, who had made fortunes for so many there, filed in.

Mr. Courtauld simply reviewed the past year and the balance sheet, and stated with a shareholder said afterwards in a vote of thanks, "that usual air of pessimism which we are coming to know," that prospects were bright at the present time, but that it was impossible to foresee the future.

A Note of Warning.

"New firms are entering artificial silk manufacturing constantly," he said, "and if production in the future ever outpaces consumption there may be difficulties ahead for this firm as for all others."

"I am sorry to see," he concluded, "that the warning in our report has been ignored in some quarters, and investors have been advised not to take it seriously. It should be taken seriously. It is not, as it has been described, mere overcautiousness."

"In recommending dividends the present Board of Directors are taking into consideration only the earning power of the business, which cannot be affected by any issue of capital."

The meeting cheered and clapped as his speech concluded, perturbed not in the least by the note of warning.

Two extraordinary meetings to pass official resolutions in connection with the bonus followed, but everything was over in less than half an hour.

HOCKEY.

PUNJAB REGIMENT MEET MACAO TEAM.

PROLIFIC SCORING.

[BY "DEVONIAN."]

Thrills and goals galore were the order of the day yesterday afternoon on King's Park, Kowloon, when the 1/15 Punjab Regiment "A" team met a team from Macao that included several well-known local faces. The visitors' team comprised: Ramatho, A. C. Perdriau, Wheeler, Todd, Slipper, F. da Costa (captain), J. Noronha, Zimern, A. R. Rumjahn, R. P. Brigham, and Lockhart-Smith.

The Macao team pressed right from the start, their rushing tactics obviously upsetting the Punjabis. Within five minutes the regiment had a couple of goals scored against them, and, save for an occasional run down the field, were never in the hunt. Continuing the pressure, the visitors sent behind, after which the Punjabis almost for the first time invaded the visitors' territory, where, following a free kick in their favour, a good shot was well saved by the goalkeeper. Keeping up the attack the Punjabis sent behind the sticks. The visitors had a brief spell at the other end, only to see the soldiers' outside right break away with a solo run down the field and, centring almost unscanned, enabled the outside left to score. Less than a minute later the Punjabis swooped down on the Macao goal and equalised the scores—two goals each. Having tasted blood the Punjabis returned as speedily as before and made the score 2-2 in their favour—much to the delight of the regimental barrackers.

The visitors endeavoured to break the sequence of goals against them, and gained a futile corner, following which the ball was sent behind. Then back came the Punjabis, a most exciting scrimmage occurring right in front of the Macao goal which fell for the fourth time, making the score 4-2 in favour of the soldiers—a reverse of fortune with a vengeance! Macao then broke away and got a futile corner for their pains, but their opponents were not yet done with and made a concerted attack on the Macao citadel which fell for the fifth time—score 5-2. It looked as if yet more goals were to be scored by the locals, but at the critical moment the Macao team broke away and sent behind at the other end. Later a "free" against the Punjabis gave the visitors their chance, which they promptly accepted, the local goalkeeper having no hope of saving. Score: 5-3.

Five More Goals.

The earlier stages of the second half favoured the Macao team, only fine goalkeeping saving the Punjabis. The pressure was relieved by the soldiers' outside right, who centred to Francis, the latter sending behind. The visitors came down again but were given offside. After that had sent behind the sticks the Punjabis caused them some anxiety, a desperate scrimmage in front of goal resulting in Francis again doing the needful and making the score 6-3. The pace was now very strong, each and being visited in rapid succession, eventuating in an exciting rush on the Punjabis' goal which fell almost unexpectedly. Score: 6-4. The visitors for a spell had the upper hand, one shot just striking the outside of the net. In spite of all the efforts of the soldiers to transfer the scene of play the Macao team had the satisfaction of reducing the lead: 6-5.

With only ten minutes to go both sides, far from looking fatigued, went at it hammer and tongs, and thrills galore were witnessed as first one team and then the other almost increased the formidable looking score sheet. Francis, for the Punjabis, twice almost scored. Getting the ball in midfield Slipper rushed off on his own and his ultimate centre just went behind and no more. Within the next minute, however, the visitors notched another point and equalised the scores (6-6) amid great excitement.

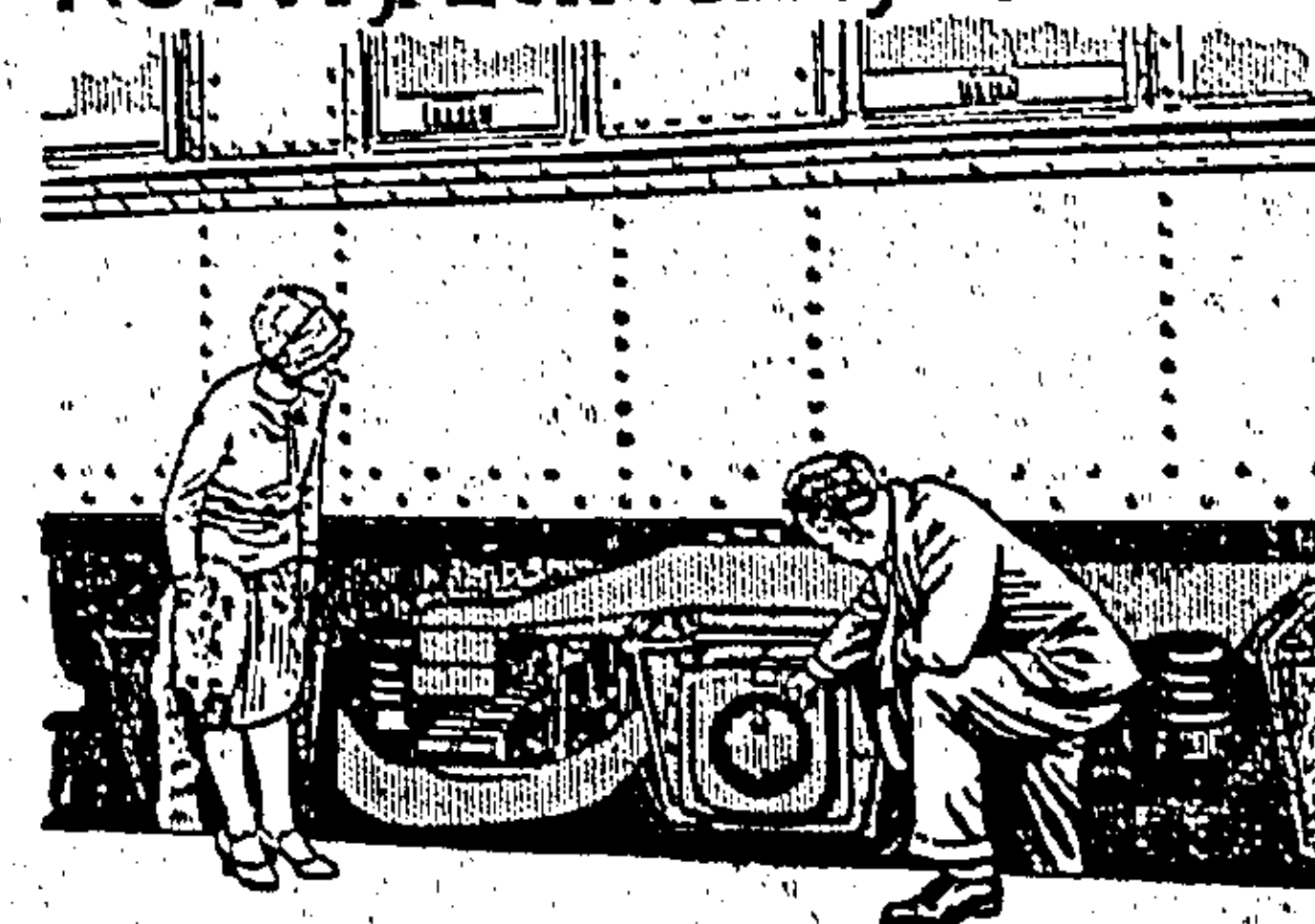
The last few minutes saw the Macao lot playing hard for the winning goal, while the locals were just as keen to emerge successful. Eventually, barely a second before the whistle blew for time, the visitors made a concerted attack and one of their number found himself and the ball in the net at the same moment!

Result:—

Macao 7 goals.
 Punjabis 6 goals.

Although the uneven nature of the grass—thin in parts and thick in others—may have militated against a more scientific display on the part of the regiment, they are to be commended for so completely turning the tables when they were a couple of goals down. The remark, of course, may apply to those of the Macao team whom the ground was strange whilst they had the satisfaction of turning practically certain defeat into a victory in the last five minutes of a very keen tussle.

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The second of the three experimental high speed cargo liners for the "Ellerman" Lines arrived here on Thursday. This is the *City of Roubaix*, which left Newcastle-on-Tyne, where she was built, on February 2nd under the command of Captain A. V. Radcliffe. Her gross tonnage is 7,108 tons, and 4,555 tons net, while she has a sea speed of 14 knots.

As already announced, the "Ellerman" Lines have constructed three experimental vessels of the same size, and speed, with a view to determining whether reciprocating steam engines, turbine steam engines or Diesel Oil engines provide the most economical means of marine propulsion. The *City of Roubaix* is propelled by single reduction geared steam turbines, and the *City of Genoa* is the reciprocating engine vessel while the *City of Lille* is the Diesel motor ship.

CHOLERA ON JAPANESE STEAMER.

OBLIGED TO PUT BACK INTO SINGAPORE.

An epidemic of cholera broke out on the O.S.K. *Hawaii Maru* soon after she had left Singapore for South Africa. The vessel carried 780 Japanese immigrants. The latest information received is that six deaths have occurred and that there are nine other cases. The steamer was obliged to put back into port.

It is understood that the passengers on board include two Europeans who were bound for Durban. One is said to be seriously ill, and it is believed locally that the infection must have been caught at Saigon.

A Japanese lady whose life is despaired of is the mother of four children.

SINGAPORE FLOATING DOCK.

DETAILS OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT.

Some interesting particulars of the electrical equipment for the floating dock which is being constructed for the Singapore Naval Base have been supplied to the *Straits Times* by the Singapore office of the General Electric Company.

The complete generating plant for the dock is being supplied by the General Electric Company and comprises three large turbo alternators, the total output of which is approximately 3,000 kilowatts. In addition, the G.E.C. has also supplied two large motor generator sets, each having an output of approximately 500 kilowatts. The sets comprise 750 horse power synchronous type motors direct coupled to the generators, and complete with exciters and other equipment.

The G.E.C. is also supplying a small auxiliary generating set for lighting purposes, when the main sets are not in use. It will be seen, therefore, that there is at least a total of 4,000 kilowatts and 1,500 horsepower of generating plant and motors on this dock.

Up to the present time all the generating plant in use at Seletar has been supplied by the G.E.C. and similarly the electric lighting of all the bungalows, coolies lines, etc.

PLUCKY GIRL CLERK.

WAITED FOR THIEVES WHO ATTACKED HER.

Sir Ernest Wild, K.C., the Recorder at the Old Bailey, awarded 25 to Miss Elsie Marr, a girl clerk, who, he said, had behaved with great courage in consenting to stay in the office where she was employed and await attack. Although she knew the police were on the watch, she had no idea what sort of violence might be offered her. Albert Edward Jarvis, aged 33, was sentenced to 20 months' hard labour and 18 strokes of the cat for robbing Miss Marr with violence; George Samuel Ebdon, 37, to 14 months' hard labour and 18 strokes of the cat; and William Carey, 31, to 17 months' hard labour. William Hall, 32, motor driver, charged with being concerned in the robbery, was found not guilty and discharged.

It was stated that the men drove in a motor-van to the offices of the Tottenham firm of estate agents where Miss Marr worked. While two men remained on watch outside Ebdon entered, threw some pepper in the girl's eyes, and snatched the money from the desk in front of her.

The police were watching the place as information had been received that some attempt at robbery would probably be made.

CHURCH NOTICES.

UNION CHURCH (Kowloon Road).

Sunday Services April 15th:—
Sunday School at 9.45 a.m.
Morning at 10.30 a.m.—General Service and O.S.B. Service.
Hymns—41, 231, 447 and 544.
Preacher—Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.
Evening Service at 6 p.m.—
Hymns—84, 230, 227 and 338.
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Wednesday, April 18th, at 8.15:—
Soldiers' and Sailors' Christian Association.
Friday, April 20th, at 5.30:—Minister's Bible Class.

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Hong Kong Observatory, April 13th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 3 p.m.
Barometer...	29.81	29.76	29.80
Temperature...	73	70	78
Humidity...	78	90	70
Wind...			
Direction...	ENE	Caln	East
Force...	3	0	5
Weather...	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rain...	0.00	0.00	0.00
Highest open-air Temperature, 13th: 75			
Lowest open-air Temperature, 13th: 70			

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R-Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From April 14th to 20th, 1928.

		HIGH WATER.			LOW WATER.		
Days of Week	Date of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.		Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.	
		h. m.	ft. in.		h. m.	ft. in.	
Sat.	14	Noisier 3 38	high 6 2				
Sun.	15	Noisier 7 40	high 6 2	low 0 11	1 6		
Mon.	16	Noisier 6 18	high 6 2	low 0 55	1 4		
Tues.	17	H 7 55	4 0	1 34	1 3		
Wed.	18	H 7 15	5 7	1 3	1 3		
Thur.	19	H 8 14	6 4	1 8	1 3		
		H 8 37	5 3	1 8	1 4		
Fri.	20	H 9 2	6 2	2 43	1 4		
		H 9 56	6 3	3 17	1 5		

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships and auxiliaries were in port yesterday:—
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SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

	Sunrise	Sunset
To-day	6.04 a.m.	6.43 p.m.
To-morrow	6.02	6.43
Monday	6.02	6.44

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary Six hours before arrival of the Steamer.
Goods not cleared within 8 days including date of arrival will be subject to Rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 31st May, 1928, or they will not be recognized.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.
MAKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Agents.
Hong Kong, 13th Apr., 1928. [6182]

HAMBURG AMERIKA LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship "ADOLF VON BAEYER" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.
Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 17th April, 1928, will be subject to Rent.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 16th April, 1928, at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.
All Claims must reach us before the 1st May, 1928, or they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter.
JEBSEN & CO., Agents.
Hong Kong, 10th Apr., 1928. [6180]

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CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

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Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees, on 19th April, 1928, at 10 a.m.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
L. LESDOS, Agent.
Hong Kong, 11th Apr., 1928. [6124]

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, on 20th April, 1928, at 10 a.m.
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HAMBURG, 10th Apr., 1928. [6121]

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SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUNNING"	On 14th	Apr.	6 p.m.
LILOLO	"K'APPO"	On 15th	Apr.	6 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KAYING"	On 15th	Apr.	Noon
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"NEWBORGAW"	On 15th	Apr.	3 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANHUI"	On 16th	Apr.	7 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SOOCHOW"	On 16th	Apr.	6 p.m.
BANGKOK	"CHINHUA"	On 17th	Apr.	Noon
SHANGHAI	"CHINKIANG"	On 18th	Apr.	4 p.m.
NEWCHOW & DALNY	"LUOHOW"	On 18th	Apr.	6 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KINGYUAN"	On 19th	Apr.	10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 19th	Apr.	
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 20th	Apr.	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SEANTUNG"	On 21st	Apr.	6 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"SANKING"	On 22nd	Apr.	9 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALCAN"	On 22nd	Apr.	Noon
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, NEWCHOW & DALNY	"KANGHOW"	On 22nd	Apr.	Noon
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"ICHANG"	On 23rd	Apr.	6 p.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 29th	Apr.	6 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANTUNG"	On 29th	Apr.	9 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGHOW"	On 29th	Apr.	Noon

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April 12th.

City of Roubaix, British str., 4,533 tons, Capt. A. V. Radcliffe, from Dunkirk via Singapore. The port she left on April 7th, with a general cargo, lying at Holts Wharf.—Bank Line.

Fingut, Norwegian str., 1,943 tons, Capt. N. Bull Melsum, from Kota Baroc (Bornoe), which port she left on April 1st, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. C53.—Thorsen & Co.

Haruwanan Maru, Japanese str., 1,967 tons, Capt. S. Imai, from Samarinda, which port she left on April 4th, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. B54.—M.B.K.

Newchwang, British str., 1,501 tons, Capt. N. Hardie, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C34.—B. & S.

Song Bo, French str., 730 tons, Capt. J. Bounnamour, from Haiphong, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C3.—M.M.

Sui Sang, British str., 1,983 tons, Capt. S. Q. Matford, from Calcutta, Penang and Singapore. The last mentioned port she left on April 6th, with 1,982 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Tak Hing, Chinese str., 165 tons, Capt. Lo Saa, from Antau, with a general cargo, lying at Luen Cheung Wharf.—Fook Hoi S's Co.

April 13th.

Anhui, British str., 2,080 tons, Capt. G. H. Pennelather, from Singapore and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A24.—B. & S.

Apoey, British str., 1,778 tons, Capt. W. Anderson, from Saigon, which port she left on April 8th, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. B47.—Wo Fat Shing.

Cheongking, British str., 1,256 tons, Capt. T. Croft, from Canton, lying at Kowloon Dock.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Daijuku Maru, Japanese str., 2,237 tons, Capt. S. Kitamura, from Dairen, which port she left on April 4th, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. B36.—M.B.K.

Kashkar, British str., 2,531 tons, Capt. L. L. Williams, from London, which port she left on March 28th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Lima Maru, Japanese str., 4,474 tons, Capt. T. Moroi, from Shanghai, which port she left on April 10th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A30.—N.Y.K.

Linan, British str., 1,369 tons, Capt. T. Beer, from Hoibow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A21.—B. & S.

Mongolia, British str., 1,333 tons, Capt. G. S. S. Luriong, from Yokohama, which port she left on April 4th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Niiaga Maru, Japanese str., 1,250 tons, Capt. H. Ichikawa, from Keelung, which port she left on April 10th, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. C49.—M.B.K.

Taites No. 1, Chinese str., 1,198 tons, Capt. Kuzushinaka, from Saigon, which port she left on April 8th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C13.—Wallen & Co.

Tean, British str., 1,351 tons, Capt. H. Histed, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B3.—B. & S.

Arrivals.

For s.s. *Mongolia*, from Yokohama, on April 13th.—Miss R. A. Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. Bear Sims, Miss Blair, Mr. Patterson, Miss C. Keuchler, Mr. and Mrs. Hied, Mrs. J. Turner, Mr. Joseph Bray, Mr. J. Pearson, Mr. H. Stell, Mr. J. McCaul, Mrs. McCaul, Mr. J. Perkins, Miss E. E. Perkins, and Mrs. Otto Zschelner, and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. Davis, Mrs. E. Hope, Mr. F. Browne, Mrs. E. Kitching, Mr. W. Smith, Mr. W. McHugh, Mr. C. Atkins, Miss F. Cranfield, Mr. O. Lee, Mr. Leigh Garner, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bathurst, Mr. F. Smith, Mr. K. Ching, Mr. F. Loo, Mr. and W. Senior, Yang, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hagan, Miss R. Russell, Miss E. Ray, Miss R. Blackburn, Miss Stoller, Miss N. Lovett, Miss C. Lovett, Miss V. Towerzy, Miss E. Lancaster, Miss K. D'Arcy, Mr. F. Atkinson, Mr. S. Corness, Miss W. Dalle, Miss C. Leslie, Mr. J. Hagan, Mr. H. Smith, Mr. W. Banvard, Mr. N. Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Sirowatka, Miss Helen Bartel, Miss L. Kazamburba, Miss L. Bebenko, Miss V. Glushchenko, Mr. H. Aika, Miss M. Meach, Mr. J. H. Hope, Mrs. Rene Lee, infant and children, Mrs. A. Artrich and children, Mr. and Mrs. F. Davis, Major H. Fallow, Mr. Yuan Cheng Lou, Mr. W. Cowan, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gordon and infant, Mr. and Mrs. G. Yates and infant, Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Yao, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hundry, Mr. F. Gundry, Miss A. Humphris, Miss E. McMurdo, Mr. J. Anderson, Mrs. G. Mills, Miss Rowland, Mrs. W. Lamb, Miss Lammie, Captain Gardiner, Mr. E. Danneit, Mrs. Hadas and infant, Mr. A. B. R. and Mrs. G. Rand, Mrs. Enzor and children, Miss Sheret, Mr. E. Goodale, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. E. Pepple, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bell and infant, Mr. G. Mosely, Dr. and Mrs. I. McWilliam and children, Mr. C. Kemp, Mr. S. McMurray, Mr. G. Gompertz, Mr. R. Welch, Mr. W. Johns, Mrs. Nocking and infant, Mrs. G. Littlewood and children, Mrs. Lewis and child, Mrs. H. Whitecher, Miss B. Whitcher and children, Mrs. E. Lang, and children, Miss M. Bolwell, Miss M. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. McMillwar, infant and children, Mr. and Mrs. T. Fotheringham, infant and children, Miss Woodstock, Mr. Fitje, Mrs. T. Mason, Mr. W. Eddon, Masters Eddin, Mrs. Eddin, Miss M. Eddin, Dr. and Mrs. Hogg, Miss Hogg, Mrs. M. Gileay, Capt. J. Barrett, Miss Scarlett, Miss A. Turner, Mr. C. Nolan, Mr. J. Jones, Mr. T. Richardson, Mr. E. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. J. Siley, Mr. W. Trood, Mr. W. Selvey, Mr. W. Bloomfield, Mr. A. Knight, Mr. W. Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, Mr. E. Butcher, Mr. Leo Bao, Mr. Gordons, Mr. G. Adair, and Mr. S. Senger.

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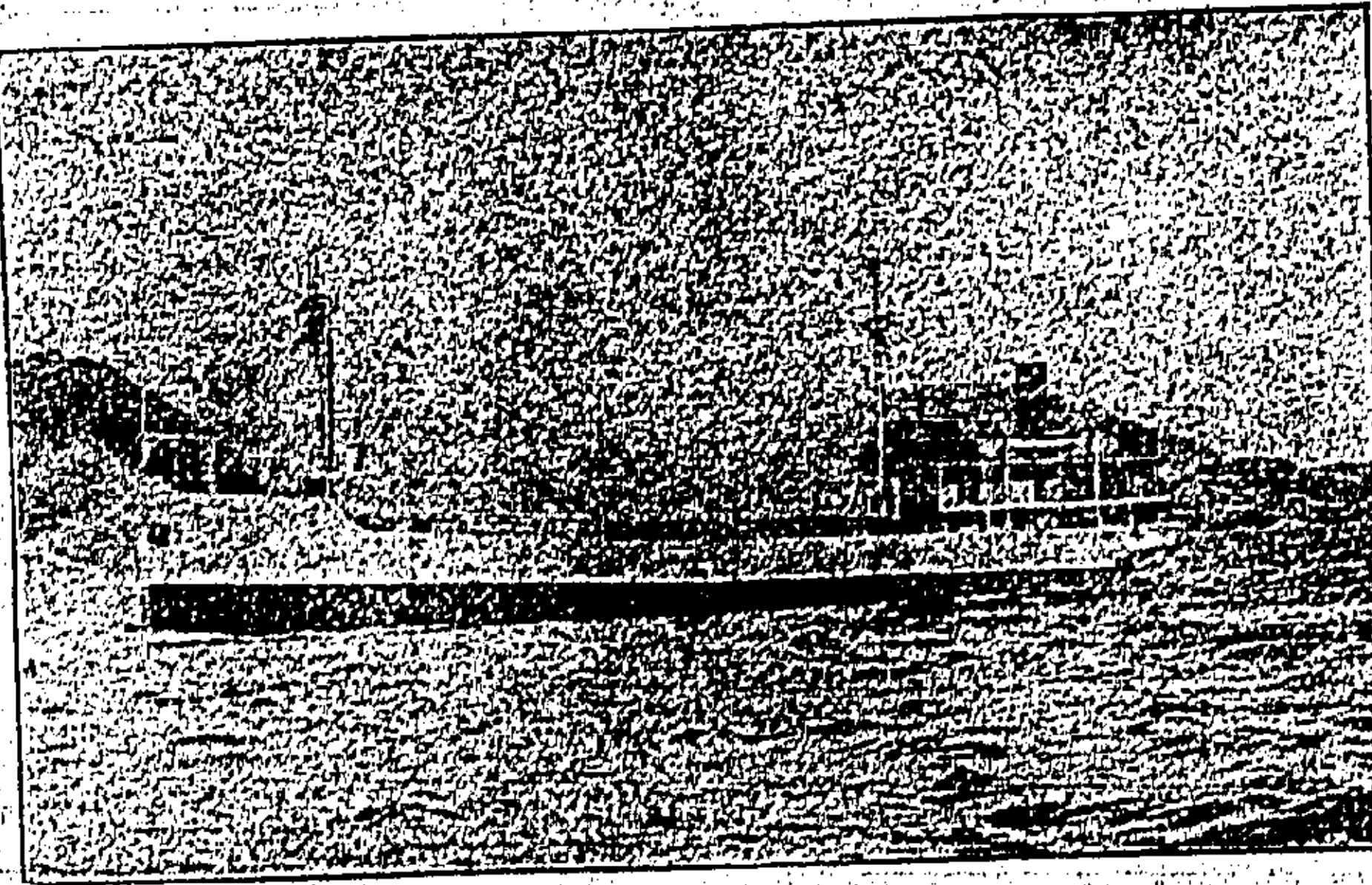
Deaths.

Dr. Napier Wright, Mr. Leach and Mr. E. Massey, Mr. H. Scott Stenhorst, Comdr. Phillips and Mrs. Kellaway, Mr. A. Mr. G. Wilkins, Mrs. M. Mr. C. Marshall, Mr. H. Graburn, Dr. Cosgrave, Mr. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Shelf Ingram, Mr. M. Leding, Mr. Barrows, Miss Mosier, Mr. and Master Case, Mrs. M. H. Green, Mr. Cheng W. Mr. Chm Chi Fan, Mr. C. Mr. S. Cater, Mr. J. Elenb Vanderburg, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Fane, Miss S. Mr. and Mrs. Chen See E children and infant, Mr. L. J. Cohan, Mr. Marquis, McCarthy, Mr. Yeu Bing, Mrs. Spicer, Mr. A. Essi Lelas, Mr. Taylor, Mr. S. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Tay and Mrs. Lenburger, Mr. Mr. Cattaneo, Mrs. W. Fawcett, Miss P. Brown, Mrs. Archer, Major J. Mr. Scherbanche, Mr. S. Departures.

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OSAKA via AMOY, MOJI & KOBE ...	"FOOKSANG"	Fri., 27th Apr., at 7 a.m.
CANTON ...	"HOPSANG"	Sun., 15th Apr., at 9 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA...	"NAMSANG"	Satur., 21st Apr., at 3 p.m.
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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOW CARGO RETURNS.

BRITISH VESSELS BEST CARRIERS.

There were fourteen arrivals and sixteen departures during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday and general freights manifested for Hong Kong were low. The through freights also showed poor returns, and a general decrease from the previous day's total. British vessels throughout were the best cargo carriers.

Local imports amounted to 9,925 tons, of which seven British vessels contributed 5,371 tons. A British vessel was the best carrier with 3,440 tons, namely the a.s. *Apoy* from Saigon with a cargo of rice. The second best return was shown by the a.s. *Harunasi* from Sanarinda with 2,000 tons of coal. Through freights were very low, and of the total 9,338 tons six British vessels carried no less than 5,158 tons. Two British vessels headed the list as best carriers. These were the a.s. *Sui Song* with 2,081 tons from Calcutta and Singapore, and the a.s. *Mongolia* from Yokohama and Shanghai with 1,500 tons.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	1	5
Japanese	1	5
Norwegian	1	1
Chinese	4	4
Dutch	0	1
French	1	0
Total	14	16

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Taiping, May 11th.

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Bank Line.

City of Carlisle, to-day.

City of Rouen, to-day.

City of Dunkirk, April 17th.

City of Birmingham, May 4th.

City of Eastbourne, May 11th.

City of New Castle, May 18th.

City of Chester, May 27th.

City of Cardiff, June 2nd.

City of Cardiff, June 2nd.

City of Bedford, June 2nd.

British India and Apear Line.

Hatipara, April 22nd.

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Blue Funnel Line.

Agapenor, to-morrow.

Laomedon, April 16th.

Sarpedon, April 18th.

Bellerophon, April 20th.

Orestes, April 21st.

Knight Companion, April 22nd.

Diomed, April 27th.

Catchai, May 1st.

Talithybius, May 1st.

Machon, May 2nd.

Antenor, May 2nd.

Idraon, May 2nd.

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DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

OPIUM SEIZURES BY SHIP'S OFFICERS.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

Chief Officer Dickenson of the s.s. *Anhui* reported to the police on the arrival of the vessel that he had seized 400 taels of opium. A similar report was also made by the Chief Officer of the s.s. *Cramer*, the quantity in this case was 700 taels. No arrests have been made but applications will be made for the confiscation of the drug in each instance.

Death Of A Fireman.

The master of the s.s. *Suisang*, from Calcutta and Singapore reports that one fireman died at sea between Calcutta and Penang. Strong monsoon with rough sea was experienced in the South China Sea.

Ponies For Macao.

Fourteen local ponies were despatched yesterday afternoon by the s.s. *Sai Tai* to take part in the Race Meeting at the Macao Race Course.

S.S. "Fatahan."

The s.s. *Fatahan* has completed her overhaul at the Docks and will resume service as day boat this morning.

S.S. "Lungshan's" Good Time.

The s.s. *Lungshan* has done her last three trips from Canton in the excellent average time of 8 hours, 40 minutes.

Searchlight Practice.

Defence Searchlight Practices will be carried out from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. as follows:—April 19th, Stonecutters; May 4th, Lyemooon; May 10th, Belchers; May 17th, Stonecutters; June 7th, Lyemooon; June 14th, Belchers; June 21st, Stonecutters.

Waterfront Battle.

Two Chinese rival gangs met in battle outside the Chiu On wharf in Connaught Road, over thirty men armed with bamboo poles taking part in the fray. One man was severely injured on the head, while several others sustained minor injuries. A Chinese Constable stopped the fight holding up the contestants at the revolver's point. The injured man was removed to the hospital, while the eight other men were arrested as leaders of the rival gangs.

Two Deaths.

The master of the s.s. *Anhui* (British) arriving here from Singapore and Amoy reports that two Chinese deck passengers died from pneumonia and consumption respectively. Both were buried at sea.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

Asiatic deck passengers arriving here during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday numbered 528.

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.

Gleichen, to-day.

Alster, April 25th.

Trave, May 19th.

Prince Line.

Japanese Prince, May 8th.

Japanese Prince, June 5th.

Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.

Formosa, April 30th.

